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Comments: Case # 2024-00406 Dear Siting Board My name is Aaron Cobb, and I am an intervener in this case. I previously submitted a request to have Mr. Kirkland appear in person in our June 13th hearing. Every intervener in this case stands 100% behind him appearing in person. It is very evident that Mr. Osterloh does not want Mr. Kirkland to appear in person. This hearing date has been established since 4/8/25. There is no acceptable excuse as to why Mr. Kirkland would plan to be "traveling internationally" on a date that he knows he would need to testify in the PSC hearing. As interveners in this case who have been talking about our property value reduction from the very first public meeting it is outrageous to even suggest that we cannot addressed his flawed report "face to face" in person. It is our property values that this project will be reducing. Not to have Mr. Kirkland available in person is not acceptable. Lost City has paid Mr. Kirkland to prepare a report stating there will be no reduction in our property values. It should also be the responsibility of Lost City to ensure the person they paid for the report supporting their case is present in person for us to ask questions of. It is very concerning that 39 days after the PSC set a date for the meeting that Mr. Osterloh is asking to have Mr. Kirkland excused from testifying or to do so remotely. It reminds me of a murder mystery I watched recently where the lawyer told his client, "If this goes to trial you are going to be out of the country somewhere on vacation—Brazil, Antarctica, I don't care." Mr. Kirkland has had ample notice of the meeting, and he should be very aware that he would need to testify in front of the interveners and the PSC. So, why is Mr. Osterloh asking just 29days before Mr. Kirkland is set to testify that he either be dismissed or testify remotely? As stated in my previous letter I do strongly feel if allowed to testify remotely, he will have "technical difficulties" preventing him from testifying or have off camera help with his answers. I have also reviewed all 30 cases where Mr. Osterloh stated, "His findings have been accepted by the Siting Board as reliable in approximately 30 prior cases, including the following..." It should be noted that Case 2023-00160 expired before anything was done. Cases 2023-00131 and 2022-00356 both pertain to transmission lines. The only other case listed that had interveners is case 2020-00417. Review of that case found that there appeared to be 2 interveners, both with little involvement in the case. We have multiple interveners and tremendous involvement in the Lost City case. It should also be noted that many of the cases Mr. Osterloh cited were during the pandemic, where no in person testimony was even allowed. The first in-person testimony noted was case 2021-00141 held on 6-2-2022. So, implying that Mr. Kirkland should be dismissed because he had other cases where the Siting Board accepted his finding is flawed in reasoning. As stated previously there have been no cited cases with the amount of intervener involvement as the Lost City case. We are again asking that Mr. Kirkland be required to attend in person. Mr. Kirkland planning a trip out of the country when he knew he was to testify in front of the PSC and interveners is unacceptable. Despite what

Mr. Osterloh says, the interveners will be prejudiced by permitting Mr. Kirkland virtual attendance at the hearing. If many individuals can dedicate their time to take off work for two days to travel to and attend the PSC meeting, many losing two days of pay, why should Mr. Kirkland, who is employed by Lost City, not be required to contribute the same level of effort? Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. Aaron Cobb

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Comments: Case # 2024-00406 May 30, 2025 Dear Siting Board: My name is Aaron Cobb, and I am an intervenor in the Lost City case. It should be known that through this entire process (even the first public meeting October, 29 2024) all intervenors have been speaking about how our property values will be impacted. If the PSC wants proof, we can provide a video copy of the meeting. The exchange between Mike Saye and the project developer Sean Joshi can be seen in the coverage of the meeting by channel 14. The exchange was about how Mike Saye's property value was going to be reduced because he was surrounded on 3 sides by a solar complex. The response provided by Sean Joshi was that reports indicate no reduction in property values. Property value reduction was also brought up in the May 5th meeting of this year. During the May 5 meeting, three questions that are related to property values were written upon the cards. However, as the PR company's employees were selecting which questions would be addressed (although, in reality, no questions were thoroughly or sufficiently answered), these three were not selected. As of 5/30/2025, they are also not published on Lost City Solar's website as promised. The three questions were stated as follows (pictures of the cards are available upon request): 1) Since Lost City is "just a name," who is really behind the LLC? Who's liable for issues that would arise (runoff, fire, property values lost, etc.) to neighboring landowners? 2) Who has paid for Kirkland's studies? 3) Would you all be willing to purchase a house in Dunmor/Penrod that's surrounded by—or near—these panels? Please answer in all honesty. So for Todd Osterloh to make the statement: "Moreover, the Intervenors never issued Lost City any Requests for Information. The Intervenors should not now be permitted to unduly complicate or disrupt the proceedings by raising questions at a hearing that they have not previously presented during the course of the proceeding." is not accurate. I feel we have focused this entire process on property values and how adjoining and nearby landowners are going to have property value reductions. The issue is they want to dismiss our concerns. I have spoken to all intervenors, and we are in 100% agreement that we want Mr. Kirkland to be made to testify in person. This is our property values he claims will not be affected. There are multiple studies that indicate we are going to lose the value in our property—the property many of us have worked for years to purchase. We want Mr. Kirkland to testify in person. If allowed to testify remotely, we already know there will be "technical difficulties" preventing him from testifying. Being in person also allows for transparency. Otherwise, there could be others outside of camera view feeding him answers to our questions. To Mr. Kirkland and Mr. Osterloh, this is just another project they are getting paid to get approved. To us, this is our home, our way of life, and our property values this project is going to affect. All intervenors in this case are asking the PSC not to allow Mr. Kirkland to testify remotely. We are asking him to testify in person for full transparency and to allow us to ask the questions and receive the answers we deserve as

intervenors. Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter that will impact 2 entire
communities, Dunmor & Penrod, and all of the residents who live there. Respectfully, Aaron
Cobb

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