COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MANTLE ROCK)	
SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 65-)	CASE NO.
MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR)	2024-00050
GENERATING FACILITY IN LIVINGSTON)	
COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO)	
KRS 278.700 AND 807 KAR 5:110)	

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter is before the Siting Board upon a motion that was filed on September 19, 2025, by Mantle Solar, LLC (Mantle Rock) to address the date on which the Mantle Rock application was deemed filed, approval to amend the procedural schedule, and approval to amend the style of the case.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Date of Application

On August 25, 2025, Mantle Rock filed an application seeking approval to construct a 65-megawatt solar generating facility.¹ On August 27, 2025, a letter of deficiency was issued because Mantle Rock did not provide proof of service upon the chief executive officer of each county in which the proposed facility is to be located.² On August 28, 2025, Mantle Rock filed a response to the deficiency which included an

¹ Application (filed Aug. 25, 2025).

² Deficiency Letter (issued Aug. 27, 2025).

attachment with a confirmation email from judge executive confirming that the application had been received.³ Mantle Rock argued that, based on the past Siting Board precedent and Kentucky case law, the Certificate of Service within the pleading is sufficient to demonstrate proof of service.⁴ As such, the application should be deemed filed as of August 25, 2025, not August 28, 2025.⁵

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Siting Board finds that the application should be deemed filed on August 25, 2025.

Style of the Case

Mantle Rock requested to amend the style of the case to reflect that the solar facility will generate 42 megawatts instead of 65 megawatts.⁶ Mantle Rock stated that after consulting with the transmission line owner that the project had to be scaled back to 42 megawatts.⁷

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Siting Board finds that the style of the case should be amended to reflect that the proposed project will now be capable of generating 42 megawatts.

Amend Procedural Schedule

Mantle Rock argued that the procedural schedule should be accelerated to better address Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Veterans Day.⁸

³ Response to Deficiency (filed Aug. 28, 2025).

⁴ Motion (filed Sept. 19, 2025) at 1-2.

⁵ Motion at 2-3.

⁶ Motion at 7.

⁷ Motion at 7.

⁸ Motion at 5-6.

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Siting Board finds that the procedural schedule should be amended. However, the procedural schedule is being amended because the application is now deemed filed as of August 25, 2025. The Siting Board recognizes that holidays do complicate schedules and tries to be accommodating but must also weigh scheduling with the statutory deadline applicable to the matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Mantle Rock application is deemed filed on August 25, 2025.
- 2. The style of the case should be amended to reflect that the proposed facility will be capable of generating 42 megawatts.
 - 3. Filings shall amend the case heading from 62 to 45.
- 4. The procedural schedule established on September 8, 2025, is amended pursuant to the Appendix of this Order.
- 5. All provisions of the Siting Board's September 8, 2025, Order that are in conflict with provisions of this Order are vacated, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this Order shall remain in effect.

KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

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Secretary, Energy and Environment Cabinet, or her designee

Secretary, Cabinet for Economic Development,

dr his designee

ATTEST:

Executive Director
Public Service Commission
on behalf of the Kentucky State
Board on Electric Generation
and Transmission Siting

ENTERED
SEP 26 2025
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING IN CASE NO. 2024-00050 DATED SEP 26 2025

Completed application filed on	
Motions to intervene shall be filed no later than	
Requests for a public hearing shall be filed no later than	
First requests for information to Mantle Rock shall be filed no later than	
Mantle Rock shall file responses to first requests for information no later than	
Supplemental requests for information to Mantle Rock shall be filed no later than	
Mantle Rock shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	
Siting Board consultant's site assessment report shall be filed no later than	
Mantle Rock shall file its response addressing findings and recommended mitigation measures, if any, no later than	
Public Hearing to be held at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses	
of Mantle Rock and Intervenors	
Statutory deadline	

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