#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LOST CITY	)	
RENEWABLES LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF	)	
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY	)	CASE NO.
250 MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR	)	2024-00406
GENERATING FACILITY IN MUHLENBERG	)	
COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO	)	
KRS 278.710 AND 807 KAR 5:110	)	

### <u>ORDER</u>

On May 15, 2025, Lost City Renewables, LLC (Lost City Renewables) filed a motion to excuse witness Richard Kirkland, or, in the alternative, to allow him to appear virtually at the public hearing scheduled for June 13, 2025, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time in Hearing Room #2 at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Lost City Renewables stated that Mr. Kirkland will be traveling internationally at the time of the hearing.<sup>1</sup> In further support of its motion, Lost City Renewables argued that neither Siting Board Staff, nor Intervenor counsel, had any data requests directed at Mr. Kirkland.<sup>2</sup> Finally, Lost City Renewables noted that the original hearing date was set for June 11, 2025, before being moved to June 13, 2025.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lost City Renewables Motion for Excusal or Virtual Participation for Richard Kirkland (filed May 15, 2025) at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lost City Renewables Motion for Excusal or Virtual Participation for Richard Kirkland at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lost City Renewables Motion for Excusal or Virtual Participation for Richard Kirkland at 1.

The joint intervening landowners (Intervenors) filed a response to Lost City Renewables motion on May 23, 2025. In the response, Intervenors argued that Lost City Renewables had not established good cause for Mr. Kirkland's excusal, and that counsel for Intervenors would have questions for Mr. Kirkland about his property value impact analysis.<sup>4</sup>

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Siting Board finds that Lost City Renewables has established good cause to allow Richard Kirkland to participate virtually, but not to be excused, in the June 13, 2025 hearing scheduled in this case due to the hearing's change in date and Mr. Kirkland's international travel. Siting Board Staff will contact the parties with the necessary login information.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Lost City Renewable's motion to excuse Richard Kirkland or allow him to participate virtually in the June 13, 2025 hearing is granted, in part, and denied, in part.
- 2. Richard Kirkland is not excused from the hearing, but is permitted to participate virtually.
- 3. Siting Board Staff shall contact Mr. Kirkland with instructions on participating remotely.
- 4. The remaining witnesses who sponsored testimony or exhibits must be present in person at the hearing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Intervenors' Response (filed May 23, 2025) at 1.

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ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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

**ENTERED** 

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