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August 15, 2024

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: CASE NO. 2024-00255

Notice is given to all parties that the attached letter to Perry County Judge/Executive Alexander has been filed into the record of this proceeding.

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the document, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Wright Williams, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-2535.

Sincerely,

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Linda C. Bridwell, PE Executive Director *On Behalf of the Siting Board* 

Attachment



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August 14, 2024

Hon. Scott Alexander, Judge/Executive PO Drawer 210 481 Main Street Hazard, Kentucky 41702 PerryCounty1@yahoo.com By email

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2024-00255

Dear Judge Alexander:

As the Chair of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chair of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that on August 7, 2024, the Siting Board received a Notice of Intent from STMO Bn, LLC (Starfire) requesting certificates to construct an approximately 210-megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility and an associated transmission line, both of which will be located in Knott, Breathitt and Perry counties, Kentucky.

The five permanent members of the Siting Board are the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Commissioner of the PSC; the Secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet (or her designee);<sup>1</sup> and the Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet (or his designee).<sup>2</sup>

In addition to the permanent members of the Siting Board, there will be two ad hoc members that will be chosen for this matter. Because the facility subject to Siting Board approval is proposed to be in more than one county, in this instance the proposed solar facility is to be located in Knott, Breathitt and Perry counties, KRS 278.702(1)(d)(2) requires that one of the ad hoc members "shall be the county judge/executive of a county in which the facility is proposed to be located, to be chosen by majority vote of the county judge/executives of the counties in which the facility is proposed to be located . . . ." KRS 278.702(1)(d)(2) also requires the selection of the judge/executive by a majority vote within 30 days after the filing of Starfire's application. Otherwise, the Governor will directly

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Secretary Rebecca W. Goodman has designated John S. Lyons as her designee for this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Secretary Jeff Noel has designated Jansen Hammock as his designee for this matter.

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appoint the ad hoc member. Accordingly, I respectfully request you, Breathitt and Knott County Judge/Executives make a determination as to which of you will be serving as the ad hoc Siting Board member for the instant matter and notify me by written letter response on or before September 9, 2024.

Please let me know if I can provide you any additional information regarding this case. Any communications regarding this case may be directed either to me or Wright Williams, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-2535. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerel Angie Hatton

Chair



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