From: PSC Public Comment

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Monday, August 18, 2025 1:19:00 PM

Case No. 2025-00151

Thank you for your comments on the application of Exie Solar, LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2025-00151 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2025-00151 (ky.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: KY Public Service Commission Public Comments <psc.comment@ky.gov>

Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 12:10 AM

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Subject: Public Comments for Case:

Public Comments for Case 2025-00151 submitted by

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Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 12:09 AM

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Comments: The Exie solar project is incredibly important to me and my family. I was born and raised here in Green County. I live on my family farm, in the home where my grandparents lived. The thought now of having my beautiful surroundings covered in solar panels, on all sides of my property, is heartbreaking for a number of reasons - outside of the fact that such beautiful countryside will be no more. 1) I am a breast cancer survivor. I try very hard to do everything that I can for myself and my family to have a healthy environment around us. We have no idea what this amount of solar panels will do to our environment here, and there seems to be no one who can give us any kind of guarantees that nothing harmful will be emitted. I already have to battle

against farmers using pesticides, county workers spraying the roadsides, and now solar farms exposing us to a whole new set of potential hazards. 2) I personally feel that our area here has been targeted by this company. We are a low-income area, with a large number of aging and elderly farmers. Why choose small town Greensburg KY for this project? Why not turn America's desert areas into solar farms? Desert land can't be used for anything and is wide open, with no obstructions. Why target America's beautiful farmland and keep us from being able to use it for vegetation and animals going forward? It seems that people here are being taken advantage of here by a lot of corporate salesmen. If the power isn't going to be used for our own local community to begin with, and we're just being leveraged for our long-haul access, then why not haul it out of the desert to its destination, instead of small town KY? 3) Farmland is already going away at a rapid pace across our country. We need acreage that can be farmed and productive when needed. Tying up thousands of acres of our land around here for 30+ years puts us in a very dangerous situation if things happen politically or with our climate that causes us to need to grow our own crops and take care of ourselves. And what happens to the wildlife all around us here? Does anyone care about this stuff? Also – by taking agricultural land out of an agriculture community for 30+ years, doesn't that cripple the economy here? 4) What happens to the property values of homes, such as mine, that will be surrounded on all sides by this solar panel project? What am I supposed to do when my property value takes a massive hit because no one wants to buy a home/farm that is in the middle of acres of solar panels? What options are we left with at that point? If everyone who put their farmland into this project was told that their homes would have to be surrounded with solar panels, they would pull out of it immediately. Do you know why? Because then it would be affecting THEIR homes. But since it isn't affecting their own homes, or the homes of their loved ones, they don't care about what it does to the rest of us. I can guarantee that each of them would have zero desire to wake up each morning and look out their windows to see solar panels as far as they can see. 5) For the farmers here in the area who want to stay in business – who will they lease their land from to farm? Since farmland is going to be scarce here due to this project, will people start charging outrageous lease amounts (that farmers can't afford to pay) just because we will have such little farmable land available here around us now? I personally feel that this project is leaving our area in a very vulnerable and sad situation that will not be able to be undone.

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