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Kentucky State Board of Electric Generation and Transmission Siting 211 Sower Boulevard
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Frankfort, KY 40602

RE: Jared Money property lease of Exie Solar Project Case #2025-00151

**Dear Siting Board Members,** 

This letter is to make you aware of concerns that we have regarding this Project and the adverse effect it could have on us as landowners if the correct steps are not taken to protect the natural flow of rain water, springs and the sinkholes on the above referenced property. We would also like the opportunity to discuss these concerns with the Siting Board and be informed of any guidelines that are in place to ensure that existing water shed areas, springs and sinkholes are protected.

We had previously expressed these concerns in a letter to Courtney Whitworth with National Grid Renewables with copies sent to the Ky Public Service Commission, Green Co. Fiscal Court and the Ky State Siting Board in March of this year. However, this was before the Application was filed so we were not sure the concerns would be addressed since there was not a case number assigned at that time.

There are some natural springs of water that flow from hillsides and a natural drain where rain water flows from the adjoining property onto the Jared Money property. These springs and rain water eventually sink into a natural drain. The water from these springs and drains eventually flow as a spring onto our property. We are requesting that the wooded areas where these springs originate and the natural drain where this water flows and sinks underground, not be disturbed by cutting the trees or displacing the soil in those areas.

After a rain, water flows onto Money from an adjoining property and follows a natural drain that eventually sinks underground. Water from a nearby spring also flows and sinks into the same location. This water re-emerges onto the adjoining property owned by James Clark and flows above the ground several yards before going underground again. It then re-emerges onto our property that is directly across the road from the James Clark property.

I have included pictures of the hillside where the spring water flows out onto our property. I will also include an arial photo that shows the approximate location of the natural drain where runoff water flows onto the Money property and where the two springs that I am aware of are located and where the runoff water and spring water sinks below ground. In the 30 years that we have owned this property, this stream of water on our property has never run dry and according to family members and neighbors, this stream has run for the last 120 years of my family's knowledge of the area and I am sure hundreds of years before that time.

If Geronimo Power, Exie Solar Project LLC, or any entity of Geronimo Power, Exie Solar Project LLC, or any entity that Geronimo Power or Exie Solar Project LLC transfers ownership of this lease to, cuts or requires to be cut, the trees where the springs originate and that follow the stream on the Money lease or displaces soil on the Money lease, that stops the flow of water onto our property, this would be detrimental to the environment and to us as landowners as it would devalue our property in many ways. As it is important that we have different sources of energy, including every acre of leased land for solar panels, at the expense of the environment would not be worth the tradeoff. Research shows that when trees are cut down, especially trees that follow streams, and soil is displaced, these streams can dry up and soil can impede the natural flow.

While admitting that a view, from our front porch, of solar panels on beautiful farmland across from us is not something that we are excited about, losing the water that flows onto our property because of trees being cut down or soil being displaced on the Money lease, just to add a few more solar panels, would be devastating to us.

This letter is to request that, if the application is approved, that Geronimo Power and the Exie Solar Project, LLC, be required to ensure that no trees be cut or soil displaced or left bare to erode, that would stop the flow of this natural waterway and springs and sinkholes. Some of the hills where the trees are currently growing are where the springs are located and where the runoff water flows.

If this concern has already been addressed by Geronimo Power or Exie Solar Project LLC, then we would like a written acknowledgement of the steps they will take not to disrupt these trees and waterway or a map showing that this area will not be disturbed by any equipment.

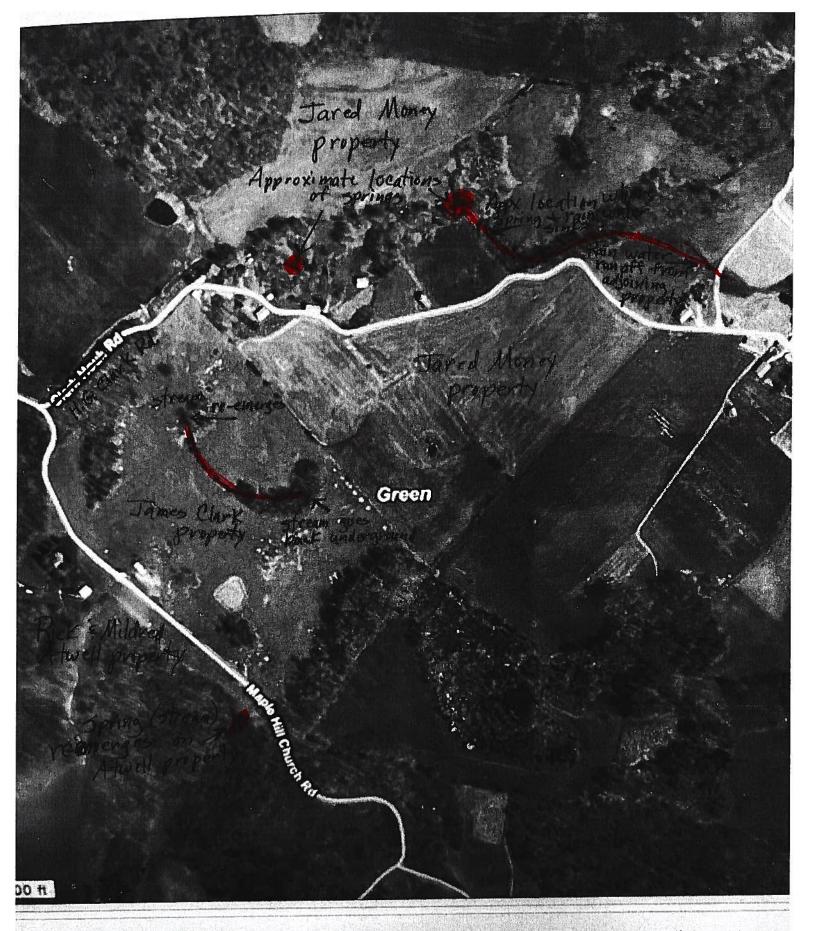
Sincerely,

Mildred Atwell

## **Enclosures**

CC: Green County Fiscal Court

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