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Case # 2025-00151

Re: Exie Solar project

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Exie Solar development project that plans to utilize approximately 1,340 acres of prime agricultural land in Green County, Kentucky.

This development poses significant risks to our local community and environment. The proposed project will irreversibly remove highly productive farmland from agriculture use, impacting not only the economic viability of neighboring farms, but also threatening the rural character and heritage of our region. Agriculture is the backbone of our community, and protecting this land is essential to sustaining local food production and supporting farming families.

Additionally, the solar project could have detrimental effects on neighboring farms by altering land drainage patterns, increasing dust, and potentially introducing chemical use that could harm crop yields or animals. There are also serious concerns about the impact on local water sources, including potential

screening are insufficient. This unfairly burdens rural homeowners who were not given a voice.


- C. Insufficient Community Benefit. Projects like this typically provide minimal long-term jobs, limited local power supply, and often rely on state and federal tax credits. The residents of Green County bear the environmental and aesthetic costs but receive little in return.
- D. Lack of clear Local regulations. Green County currently lacks a solar ordinance outlining requirements for setbacks, screening, fencing, and decommissioning. Until such protections are in place, no utility-scale solar development should move forward.
- E. Environmental and Aesthetic impact. The proposed site may disrupt natural habitats, change drainage patterns, and alter the rural character of the region. Industrial fencing and solar panels stretching for miles are incompatible with the local landscape.

We respectfully urge you to:

- A. Deny approval of the Exie Solar project until a comprehensive solar ordinance is enacted in Green County
- B. Require that any such project include:
  - a. Minimum 2,000-foot setbacks from homeowners' property lines
  - b. Mandatory visual screening
  - c. A legally binding decommissioning plan and bond
  - d. Public transparency and full environmental assessment

We also request that you represent the interests of Green County's citizens and preserve the agricultural, scenic, and residential integrity of our land. We are not opposed to renewable energy—but we believe it must be sited responsibly and fairly with full local consent.

Sincerely,

  
Emmet Bailey