

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00177
Response Friday, March 13, 2026

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, 2025-00177 in any further correspondence.

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Received through Public Comments

Thursday, March 12, 2026

From: Caleb Nissley
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Comments:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed solar project planned for development adjacent to the area where our family lives and works. This project is being presented as progress, but for those of us who actually live in this community, it represents a long-term loss—environmentally, economically, and culturally.

This is not an empty concern or a matter of personal preference. No matter how the developers package it, a project of this scale will permanently alter the landscape, disrupt the natural environment, and degrade the rural character that defines our countryside. Once the land is scraped, fenced, covered in panels, and stripped of its natural function, it will never return to what it was. The environmental cost is real and irreversible. It will cause tremendous damage in terms of compaction to the soil, Contaminates of heavy metals and toxins to the soil and water runoff, affecting adjacent landowners and wildlife.

Beyond the environmental damage, this project will directly reduce agricultural production and income for local farmers. Productive farmland is not something we can afford to lose. Our region depends on agriculture. Every acre taken out of production weakens the economic situation of the families who work this land and the businesses that rely on them. Solar developers do not replace that value; they remove it.

And let's be honest about who benefits. The profits of this project flow almost entirely to the handful of landowners leasing their property and to the outside companies building it.

Meanwhile, the costs are pushed onto everyone else—the neighbors who lose their views, the farmers who lose productive ground around them, and the local economy that loses long-term agricultural output. This is not shared prosperity. We are being asked to sacrifice the beauty, productivity, and environmental health of our countryside for a project that does not serve the people who actually live here. And it is not in the best interest of the residents who will live with the consequences long after the developers have moved on.

Lastly, Solar developers often go bankrupt before the project's lifespan is over, leaving communities stuck with the cleanup. When that happens, the company keeps the profits while we're left with the abandoned panels, hazardous waste, and ruined farmland. It's a one-way deal where they cash out and we pay the price.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject this project. Protect our farmland. Protect our environment. Protect the people who call this place home.

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