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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2023-00263
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Case No. 2023-00263

Thank you for your comments on the application of Banjo Creek 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, 2023-00263, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2023-00263 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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I would like to comment on Ms. Terri Claeson's email dated March 1, 2024 regarding the neighbors trying to tell Mr. and Mrs. Colthrap what they can do with their land and the statement, "they now want to lease".

First, I point out Mr. and Mrs. Coltharp don't want to lease their land to Banjo Creek Solar, LLC because they already have. A lease which was signed in 2021 for 20 years and is filed with the Graves County Court Clerk. This lease is a binding contract for their entire family. A lease which was signed and filed two years before their neighbors found out a solar project management company wanted to build an industrial solar factory 300 feet from our front door, not property boundary, but front door.

Second, we are not telling Mr. and Mrs. Coltharp what they can do with their land. Just as we would not tell them they had to grow corn, soybeans, or wheat. We are asking that we be heard, considered and protected from the industrial solar factory. Solar companies will always give you the impression there are no drawbacks and everything is going to be peachy. However, there is plenty of factual information that will say different. Nothing a person or company does is perfect yet Greeng/Banjo Creek Solar, LLC has not stated any concerns to anyone that there will be long term problems caused from the industrial solar factory being built, completed or operated. Anyone who is going to be around an industrial solar factory or lease their land for one should learn the pros and cons of industrial solar not only for their land, but also how it affects the community. We are

informed and have a lot of concerns.

As residents, we want to be protected by the problems the solar factory could cause to our property, families and homes. We want to know when the water source is contaminated, who is going to pay for getting it usable again? When our land next to the industrial solar factory has ditches and gullies that were not there before the factory was built, who is going to be responsible for getting our land back in the shape it was? (Everyone knows when higher ground is excavated the runoff will go toward the lower ground.) Most of the neighbors' land is lower than where the industrial solar factory will be. Who will help us with the cancer treatment of our children from exposure of the chemicals that are within the industrial solar factory? Ballard County still has children fighting and dying from cancer due to the uranium plant that was built in 1953. Since the fire department in our county is voluntary can we expect a person to expose themselves to the chemicals from a battery fire? Or will the company and the farmer pay for people to be trained, outfitted and paid to fight a battery fire? Will a neighbor have to spend their money to clean up the mess the industrial solar factory has caused to their property, through no fault of our own or will the farmer who signed the lease for the industrial solar factory fix our property? When we lose our livelihood because of this industrial solar factory, who is going to help us out? You see, we are not making a dime off of this industrial solar factory, but there are plenty of articles that will give you example after example of how the industrial solar factory has affected them and their properties. These are legitimate concerns and yet ones that no one seems to want to address with us. Will the 3 farmers put money in a fund to offset the expenses they have caused their neighbors? Or will they just smile, be proud, as they set 1 hour or 7 hours away, and not care about their former neighbor? There is not one single neighbor that has the capital that Mr. and Mrs. Coltharp has to fix any problems that an industrial solar factory could possibly create for them. So will we just be up the creek through no fault of our own?

I hope our concerns are unfounded and there is nothing that happens to our land, our families and our water source. I hope each farmer enjoys the money they get for their land leases and uses it to benefit themselves as well as others. I hope GreenGo/Banjo Creek Solar, LLC does everything they say they will and doesn't take shortcuts. I hope these farmers are not left holding the bag if this company sells off the leases to another solar industry. (GreenGo doesn't own a single industrial solar factory they built in North Carolina, they have sold them off to out of state companies.) I hope there is no noise from the building of the solar factory, (which can't be heard in Georgia or the lake) for the duration of one and a half years (1.5 years). I hope our roads aren't destroyed. I hope our county doesn't have to spend thousands and thousands, that would have to be taken away from other items, to rebuild the roads, etc because of damage done. I hope our county does see revenue, as outlined by GreenGo/Banjo Creek Solar, LLC. I hope that GreenGo will "dot every i and cross every t" the way they have indicated they will. I hope the wildlife is not disturbed and I'll continue to see the eagles flying over. I hope my property values don't go down. I hope every concern I have is proven wrong. If they are, I'll tell you I was wrong.

Ms. Claseson you are right. I don't have the right to tell a person what they can do with their land. On the other hand a person doesn't have the right to do something with their land that can adversely affect my property. I don't give a rip as to what your family does with their land. What I do give a rip about is how your family's decision affects me and my land. I believe I have that right

and I have the right to be concerned about who is going to be responsible as I will still have my current resources. For progress to be made in a neighborhood it has to be a two way street with everyone being concerned about how it is going to affect the other person. I hope your family has that concern. Our actions have been done to protect ourselves and for our voices to be heard. So far, they have fallen on deaf ears.

Knowledge leads to good decisions.

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