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Please accept my comments and register me for the Tuesday meeting in Goldendale

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GOLDENDALE CARRIGER SOLAR PROJECT

Klickitat County has long welcomed renewable energy projects. There are currently hundreds of wind turbines. And approximately 2,700 acres of solar energy in operation or currently being permitted through the County process. Also, in the planning stages is a publicly popular pump storage project which may permit through the County.

These projects have all been placed in remote areas where their presence will not damage the enjoyment of, or impact neighboring property values.

However, there are myriad social and economic impacts for consideration when thousands of acres are converted to industrial use in such a populated area as the Goldendale valley.

Based on the results of recent public hearings, the Carriger project has scant public support to be positioned as proposed in the Goldendale valley.

The lack of support is driven by the fact the proposed area is hardly remote and will harm thousands of property owners and future residential development.

The Goldendale valley is a scenic rapidly growing rural residential area with a population of over 8,500, of which only about 3,500 live in the City of Goldendale. In the last 40 years the City of Goldendale has not gained 50 residents. Which indicates all the growth has been in the rural areas.

Nowhere in our State has an industrial solar site of thousands of acres been permitted in such a populated scenic growth area. The rolling terrain of the Goldendale Valley creates amphitheaters multiplying the visual impact of industrial scale solar sites. View has value. Changing the view, changes the value. Without careful extensive research and public input, the placement of thousands of acres of industrial site will irrevocably damage the market value of residential and open land. Lowered home and land values decrease equity and the ability to acquire home equity loans, reverse mortgages etc. Will compensation be required for real estate value damage?

Late last year internal documents came to the attention of the current Board of County Commissioners which show solar corporations are positioning for over 9,000 acres in the Goldendale area. Thus, the reason the current BOCC recognized the need to stop the permitting process until expanded zoning could be implemented for local control of how much and where is acceptable within the Goldendale area.

The obvious reason solar corporations wish to locate in such a populated area is short/cheap connection to transmission points in the valley. There are areas in the valley and just East of the valley which could avoid all siting conflicts. Carriger would be welcome sited in the remote areas. Our need for green energy will not be curtailed if not sited in the Goldendale valley. It will just cost corporate more to connect if moved to a low impact location.

Corporate profits should not be subsidized by the damage caused to peoples lives and property.

OBSERVATIONS

Numerous application instances where claim of compliance is merely....... <u>A PLAN TO HAVE A</u> <u>PLAN.</u>

Using distorted context to project an appearance of compliance used multiple times in the application. This certainly, damages credibility of application. Perhaps explains Tetra Tech in recent years having credibility problems with the U. S. Dept. of Justice.

EFSEC per RCW 80.50.090 (2) Bound by County land use plans in effect at the date of application

Reviewing hearing records of other EFSEC projects I is see where EFSEC has accepted and uses this RCW is siting considerations.

To consider in Klickitat County.

• <u>Energy Overlay Zone.</u> Ordinance in place for many years. Governs projects, including solar. Wording with stipulations which indicate projects must go thru County process including legal settlement requiring EIS. Among other requirements in original EOZ EIS is visual considerations and the point that solar will be small and few.

• Klickitat County requires any solar project which would connect to Knight Road substation to be subject to County CUP. Which is a County process. This is a land use restriction in place for about 2 years.

Therefore, does EFSEC have jurisdiction to permit any solar project which would connect to Knight Road substation or be governed by the Energy Overlay Zone? Or does EFSEC have the burden to assure our land use restrictions are enforced?

BOTANICAL SURVEY REPORT

2.2.4 Preservation Act 1981. Relevant and current?

2.2.6 GMA considers solar as conversion of land use. Klickitat CAO compliance not factually evident.

3.1 Evidence of WDFW concurrence?

3.2.3 Table 1. Refers to list, of communities. Does not list.

3.3 Unusual weather impacted accuracy.

Various: **Noxious Weeds.** Unusual weather may have impacted accurate evaluation of typical populations.

Will work with County Weed Board is not a plan.

Essential to prevent the spread of noxious weeds during construction and operation.

5.0 **Avoid priority habitats......to the extent feasible.** Not acceptable. Should be avoided at any costs.

6.0 Aged and perhaps inadequate reference materials.

Figure 4 Confidential...... Omitted information creates a vague process.

Much of the proposed area has multiple years of accumulated Cereal Rye. Without actual removal, it presents fire danger during construction.

No recognition for need of mitigation, and therefore no mitigation plans.

"NO NET LOSS" concept not applied. Plans need to come before permits

HYDOLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC ASSESSMENT

1. Why bounded by Hwy 97

3.2 "A post construction study should be undertaken before construction" Obviously studies are incomplete.

Page 6. Assumptions. 1. Proof of results required...... do not assume.

LAND USE CONSISTENCY

1.2.3 1977 Comprehensive Plan states EXCLUSIVE AG

1.2.4 Must adhere to EOZ stipulations. Not acknowledged. Non identified.

1.2.5 CAO per chapter one quote...... Out of context and self-serving rationalization. A narrative not evidence of compliance.

2.1.1 'policies must be those of its citizens' No evidence project is aligned with that excerpt.

2.1.2 Massive scale of the project violates any perception of what the County Code would allow in such a populated area.

2.1.4 A narrative wish list plan to comply. Assumes water would be available. And could be converted to an industrial use.

2.1.6 Not in compliance. Destabilizes agriculture and associated businesses. As large tracts of agriculture are removed from production supply is diminished. Thus increasing the demand on

remaining land and subsequent price increase to rent or buy. Therefore, decreasing the profitability for those still in production.

Additionally, property value studies, not paid for by solar corporations, show significant decrease in market value. Agricultural borrowing depends on amount of equity in real estate. Diminished real estate values damages equity in farm properties and therefore harms the ability of remaining farmers to access the credit they could have prior to solar. As residential value is market value for farm ground, devaluation would have drastic consequences. Compensation for difference between Current Use assessed value and appraised market value should be required to assure the surrounding area is made whole for solar damage. Mitigation principle for lost agricultural land should apply.

2.1.7 p11. Uses NRCS productivity index. Which is a theoretical projection. Does not reflect Actual Production History. No actual research.

Statement of "moderate to low inherent crop productivity" is blatant misrepresentation. The Goldendale Valley of about 60,000 acres of cropland has the highest Actual Production History of any region of this size in the County.



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EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANALYSIS

October 17, 2013

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November 4, 2013

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Dear Mr. Mooney:

As requested, we have completed a consultation on the proposed Strata Solar farm on Webbs Road in Denver, Lincoln County, North Carolina 28037. Our analyses and conclusions are presented herein.

Your attention is invited to the Assumptions and Limiting Conditions attached and made a part of this report. We certify that we have no present or contemplated future interest in the property and that our fee for this assignment is in no way contingent on the conclusions.

This report complies with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) including the ethics and competency provisions, as promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges considerable input, investigation, and analysis by Geoffrey A. Zawtocki, who contributed to the information set forth in the attached narrative. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted, Fred H. Beck & Associates, LLC



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this report, we studied the effect of adjacent or nearby solar farms on residential property values. Our research included actual evidence from comparable solar farms located in residential areas, market participant interviews, the effect of a commercial use on an adjacent subdivision's property values, consideration of peer reviewed and accepted research and literature, and examples of decisions from other public municipalities.

Based on our research of solar farms and their impact on adjacent or nearby residential property values, we have come to the following conclusions:

Solar farms are a burgeoning industry nationally and in North Carolina, and there
has been limited time to accumulate enough data to analyze their effects on
residential property values. Only in the last couple years, the industry has expanded
substantially in North Carolina to \$3.7 billion. North Carolina is currently ranked 4th
and 5th respectively for installations and installed capacity.



 The location of the proposed Webbs Road solar farm is not indicative of location of typical solar farms. Based on the distribution of households, household income, and median housing values, the Webbs Road solar farm is located in an area atypical of where solar farms are generally located. • The proposed Webbs Road solar farm has already impacted the value of 4301 Burton Lane. A sale contract was signed for \$200,000, but the buyer decided to cancel the contract upon learning about the adjacent Webbs Road solar farm. The buyer would not reconsider even with a significant discount in purchase price.



Aerial of 4301 Burton Lane, Proposed Solar Farm, and Sailview

- Solar farms have impacted property values of higher priced homes.
 - » As shown in the graph below, in the 15-lot Tusquittee Trace subdivision for 2nd homes in Hayesville, Clay County, North Carolina, no lots have sold since the developer sold 3 lots from 2009 to 2010. In 2011, a 1 Megawatt solar farm was built adjacent to the subdivision, and many lots have a direct view of it. Housing prices in Tusquittee trace are planned for about \$325,000.



- » Starting in June 2011, the Clay County Board of Equalization recognized solar farms were reducing adjacent property values, and began allowing residents to appeal assessed values. Thus far, 19 parcels have had their assessed values reduced by an average of about 30.8%.
- » In fail 2010, Verizon Wireless completed a 146,000 square foot call center on about 29 acres adjacent to the Southridge subdivision in Elgin, Richland County South Carolina, with houses ranging from about \$400,000 to \$800,000. Matched paired sales before the call center was constructed showed average appreciation averaged 21.3%. However, paired sales before/after the call center was built showed an average decline of 15.2%.



Aerial of Southridge showing matched pair sales

- A survey of market participants reveals consensus that solar farms negatively impact nearby and/or adjacent residential property values
- Solar farms appear to have no significant impact on modestly-priced homes. The 6.65 Megawatt AM Best Solar Farm in Goldsboro, Wayne County, North Carolina was completed adjacent to the Spring Garden subdivision in June 2013. Based on an analysis of the recent property sales and interviews with brokers selling houses in Spring Garden, there has neither been an impact on sales prices per square foot, nor any voiced concerns by buyers purchasing houses. However, the solar farm and other neighboring uses are zoned I-2 (General Business), and past and current buyers are aware neighboring parcels are zoned for potential business or industrial

uses, and expect that a commercial or industrial use will be located on adjacent land. The table on the following page shows housing prices increased at Spring Gardens 2013 to date.

Residential Sale Summary - Spring Garden							
	House	Avg					
Year	Sales	Price/SF	HLA (sq ff)				
2010	1	\$100.54	2,606				
2011	0	N/A	N/A				
2012	6	\$72.86	3,155				
2013 YID	9	\$73.92	3,353				

Note: Sales as of October 2013

- Studies and literature of high voltage transmission lines and wind farms, similar in public perception to solar farms, using advanced statistical methods over long time periods, show these uses impair both adjacent and nearby residential property values. The impairment appears proportional to the property's value. These findings support the direct evidence shown above.
- With the expansion of solar farm industry in North Carolina, public opposition has compelled other North Carolina municipalities to recognize solar farms can impact residential property values, and may not be in harmony with surrounding land uses. Thus far in 2013, North Carolina municipalities voting against solar farm installations include:
 - Robeson County
 - The City of Laurinburg
 - Moore County
 - Yadkin County
 - The City of Shelby

Most municipalities sited a concern with decreasing property values or the solar farm not being in harmony with surrounding land uses.

In conclusion, there is limited evidence as to the effect of solar farms on residential property values. However, it appears from direct evidence solar farms appear to impair property values on adjacent properties and higher-priced homes. However, they may not affect modestly priced homes, especially in location where homeowners know an adjacent commercial use is most likely.

According to several brokers, buyers of higher-priced homes appear to be more discriminating in their choice of a house. This is supported by evidence from literature

and studies of uses similar to solar farms, including high voltage transmission lines, and find farms. In addition, local municipalities have recently had to confront the issues of decreased property values and harmony with surrounding land uses due to solar farms, as the public has brought these to the forefront. Many municipalities have recently passed regulations on solar farms for security and protection of property values. In addition, several North Carolina municipalities have rejected requests for solar farm installations, due to the concerns about property values and harmony with surrounding uses. Overall, based on the evidence, it appears the proposed Webbs Road solar farm will have a significant negative impact on homes in the Sailview subdivision as well as other nearby subdivisions.

INTRODUCTION

In this report we analyzed the effect a proposed 5-megawatt solar farm would have on adjacent or nearby residential property values in the Sailview subdivision area in Denver, Lincoln County, North Carolina.

OVERVIEW

In August 2013, Strata Solar and Webb Solar Farm LLC filed a conditional use permit with Lincoln County, requesting the county grant construction of a 5 Megawatt solar farm on both sides of Webbs Road at Burton Lane, adjacent to the Sailview subdivision. The land is currently owned by the Dellinger family and would be leased to the solar power company for 20 years. This would be the second solar power farm in Lincoln County. Strata Solar received permission from the county earlier this year to construct a similar farm in west Lincoln.

The property is currently zoned R-SF (Residential Single-Family) which allows predominantly single-family development by right, and some other more intensive uses with conditions. Among these conditional uses are providing public utilities.

4. R-SF | Residential Single Family

Established to provide for traditional single-family subdivisions and/or maintain areas in the County for traditional single-family residential uses, such areas, in general, do not presently contain mobile or manufactured homes, duplexes or multi-family dwelling developments. Since manufactured homes and other types of residential dwelling units are accommodated in many of the other residential districts, certain areas of the County can be set aside exclusively for singlefamily purposes. Unlike the R-S district where public utilities are currently in place or expected to be in the near future, the provision of public utilities is not a factor in the location of the R-SF district. Thus, the R-SF district may be applied to areas which have received both suburban and more rural types of development in the past.

Lincoln County Zoning Districts - Unified Development Ordinance -§2.1.1.4

As perspective, the next level of the Lincoln County zoning ordinance is R-S (Residential Suburban). In this zoning class, utilities may or may not be in place for all non-residential uses, and aesthetics must be a major concern for potential uses.

3. R-S | Residential Suburban

Established to encourage residential type development in portions of the County where one or more public utilities are currently in service or are anticipated to be installed in the future, residential subdivision development is somewhat more likely in this district than in the R-R or R-T districts. Given that residential will be the major use of land in this area, careful attention must be given to the list of nonresidential uses which can take place in order to maximize aesthetics and the overall quality of life in such areas.

Lincoln County Zoning Districts - Unified Development Ordinance -§2.1.1.3

Although a solar farm is generally considered a commercial or industrial use, Strata Solar has successfully categorized solar farms as public utilities to local municipalities, even though they are not regulated as such, and do not sell directly to the public. Defined as a public utility, Strata Solar only needs to apply for a conditional use permit instead of rezoning the property. Lincoln County is not among the 42 North Carolina local governments that have adopted solar-energy ordinances as the industry quickly expanded over the last few years. The table below shows a major utility is a conditional use in the R-SF district.

	R-R	R-T	R-S	R. SF	R. CR	R- 14	R- 20	R. MR	R- MF	O-R	B-N	B-G	B-C	J-L	1-G	Use Standard
P = Permitted S = S	Specia	l Use	e (§9.1	0)	(c≡c	ondi	tional	Use (§9.11)	I	•=	Grou	ip of	Uses	(§2.3)
Utility, minor *	P	P	Ρ	P	P	P	Ρ	P	Р	Ρ	Р	5 P - 5	Р	. P	P	
Utility, major *	C	C	c	C	Ċ	Ċ	С	C	c	Ç	С	C	C	C	C	
Wireless facility and tower (up to 60 ft)	Р	P	P	P	Р	P			Р	P	Р	P	P	P	Р	§4.3.7
Wireless facility and tower (60-100 fl)	C	C	С	C	С	C				C	С	С.	c	P	Р	§4.3.7
Wireless facility and tower (101-325 ft.)	С	C	· · .									C	С	C	c	§4.3.7

Lincoln County Permitted Use Table - Zoning Ordinance - §2.2.1 Use Table

An initial public hearing was held on September 9, 2013, and it was attended by about 300 residents, many in opposition to the conditional use request. As a result of the community involvement in this case, the commissioners granted a two-month continuance so residents could consult with attorneys and appraisers on the solar farm's expected impact on property values. The next hearing is scheduled for November 2013.

Conditional use approval for the solar farm rests on meeting the Lincoln County Planning Board's standards on four (4) findings of fact shown as the following:

- 1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed to plan.
- 2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications.
- 3. The use will not substantially *injure the value of adjoining or abutting property* unless the use is a public necessity.
- 4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be *in harmony with the area in which it is to be located* and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.

Our report focuses on findings of fact 3 and 4, providing evidence that the proposed solar farm will substantially injure property values, and the use is not in harmony with the surrounding land uses.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

The Strata Solar Farm is proposed on the two adjacent parcels on Webbs Road. The two parcels are identified as Parcel IDs 90501 and 30199. The two parcels total approximately 42.12 acres, and are owned by Timothy and Gary Dellinger. The two parcels are used for agricultural purposes. As shown in the aerial on the following page, the solar panels are proposed on both the northern and southern sides of Webbs Road, and require about 36 acres.



Aerial of Proposed Solar Farm

DATE OF REPORT

The date of this report is November 4, 2013.

DATE OF INSPECTION

The subject was physically inspected on October 17, 2013.

INTENDED USE/USER OF REPORT

The intended user is the **CONCERNED CITIZENS OF LAKE NORMAN**. This report is intended to assist the client in in determining the effect of the solar farm on the property surrounding the proposed farm.

TESTIMONY, CONSULTATION, COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR REPORT SERVICES

The contract for report, consultation, or analytical service is fulfilled and the total fee payable upon completion of the report, unless otherwise specified. Fred H. Beck & Associates, LLC or those assisting in preparation of the report, will not be asked or required to give testimony in court or hearing because of having made the report, in full or in part, nor engage in post report consultation with client or third parties except under separate and special arrangement and at an additional fee. If testimony or deposition is required because of any subpoena, the client shall be responsible for any additional time, fees and charges, regardless if issuing party.

SCOPE OF WORK

The following steps were completed for this assignment:

- 1. Identified the subject;
- 2. Stated clearly the intended use and user;
- 3. Analyzed the demographics of all major publically announced completed solar farms in North Carolina
- 4. Researched and analyzed subdivisions with an existing adjacent solar farm showing residential property value impairment.
- 5. Presented findings on from studies and literature on other similar uses that have shown to affect residential property values.
- 6. Listed other North Carolina municipalities that have rejected proposed solar farms, due to property value impairment and/or the use not conforming to local land uses.

AREA AND NEIGHBORHOOD ANALYSIS

We personally inspected the neighborhood on October 17, 2013. Relevant information was obtained from various publications, demographic reports from The Nielsen Company, our files, and discussions with real estate professionals familiar with the area.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANALYSIS

LOCATION	The neighborhood is located in the unincorporated community of Denver,								
	Lincoln County, North Carolina. It is on the western shore of Lake Norman,								
- · ·	nearly 30 miles north of downtown Charlotte, North Carolina.								
BOUNDARIES	The neighborhood is generally the Sailview subdivision, bounded by the								
	following:								
	North: McConnell Road								
	East: Lake Norman								
	South: Bay Pointe Drive								
	West Burton Lane								
	Lakewood Subdivision								
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	East A Rd A R								
	Map of Neighborhood								
	The extended neighborhood extends throughout the peninsula, including								
	other similar subdivisions.								
LAND USES	Land uses within the neighborhood are a mostly residential, with a mix of								
	commercial uses along major thoroughfares. Residential uses are mostly single-								
	family homes in established subdivisions. Commercial uses consist of mostly strip								
ACCESS TRAFFIC &	Primary access to the neighborhood and entire peninsula is via Webbs Road.								
TRANSPORTATION	Burton Lane provides local north/south access along the peninsula.								

POPULATION AND INCOME As shown in the table below, there was strong population growth, within a onemile radius, over the last 13 years. The neighborhood is projected to have slower population growth over the next 5 years. Based on demographics, the neighborhood appears to be upper-income.

	SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD	DEMOGRA	PHICS	
		1 mile	3 miles	5 miles
	Population		· _	
	2018 Projection	2,796	13,506	34,115
	2013 Estimate	2,544	12,471	31,786
	2010 Census	2,387	11,847	30,403
	2000 Census	1,041	6,562	19,209
	Annual Change (2000-2013)	7.12%	5.06%	3.95%
	Annual Change (2013-2018)	1.91%	1.61%	1.42%
	Households			
	2018 Projection	987	5,011	12,846
	2013 Estimate	913	4,683	12,082
	2010 Census	873	4,504	11,654
	2000 Census	414	2,563	7,517
	Annual Change (2000-2013)	9.19%	6.93%	5.41%
	Annual Change (2013-2018)	1.57%	1.36%	1.23%
	Additional Demographics			
	2013 Est. Av erage Household Income	\$131,260	\$107,647	\$100,595
	2013 Est. Median Household Income	\$84,586	\$73,200	\$67,210
	2013 Est. Median Home Value	\$451,515	\$411,852	\$383,340
	2013 Est. College Graduates	48.93%	40.48%	39.25%
· · · · ·	Source: Nielsen			
ONCLUSION	The neighborhood is located about 30 miles	north of do	wntown C	harlotte. 1
	immediate neighborhood is predominantly	suburban w	ith mostly	single-far
	residential uses, and some commercia	al along	major th	oroughfai

Demographics indicate an upper-income neighborhood. In the neighborhood

life cycle, the neighborhood is in a state of growth.

SAILVIEW SUBDIVISION



Sailview is a Crescent Community of homes along the western shore of Lake Norman. Community amenities include a Swim and Tennis club overlooking Lake Norman, an 8-acre park with playgrounds, exercise station, walking trails, Woman's Club, public boat launch, volleyball courts, and an organized community swim team. The community began in 1999 with a

Typical house in Sailview

variety of house prices and sizes. Houses range from about \$400,000 to over \$2 million, and range

in size from about 3,000 to 6,000 square feet. Some homes include a deeded boat slip.

As shown in the community map below, the Sailview has nine (9) phases with over 400 homes. The main entrance for the community is at the intersection of Webbs Road and Burton Lane.



Sailview Community Map

STRATA SOLAR FARM

As shown in the aerial below, Strata Solar is planning to construct the solar farm at the entrance of the Sailview subdivision at the western half of the intersection of Webbs Road and Burton Lane. The solar farm is planned for both the north and south sides of Webbs Road, and will consist of 26,000 240-watt solar panels. The panels will be 8-feet tall, and each array will be chain-linked fenced and gated with barbed wire for security. Strata Solar has signed a 20-year lease with the current land owner, with two 5-year options. The power to be generated will be sold to Duke Energy through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).



Aerial picture of Apple Solar Farm

The picture below shows the margin of Webbs Road and the southern portion of the area planned for the solar farm.



Picture of Webbs Road where southern array of solar farm is planned

The picture below shows where the northern portion of the area planned for the solar farm.



Picture of Webbs Road where northern array of solar farm is planned

The picture below shows where the northern portion of the solar farm is planned in relation to main entrance to the Sailview community.



Picture of Webbs Road showing main entrance to Sailview

Residents will primarily drive daily between the north and south solar arrays to get to Sailview, as Webbs Road is the primary access road to the peninsula.

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF NC SOLAR FARMS

We analyzed all the completed major publicly announced solar farms in North Carolina from the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA). According to SEIA, North Carolina has 228 operating solar farms, and 59 are currently under construction. In addition, 162 solar farms are under development for a total of 449 solar farms.

NATIONAL

As shown in the graph below, the solar farm industry has expanded significantly only in the last couple years. In 2010, installed capacity was less the 1,000 Megawatts, but in 2013 installations are expected to reach approximately 4,400 Megawatts. In total, there are over 9,370 Megawatts of capacity operating in the United States.



As shown in the graph below, of the top ten states for installations and installed capacity, North Carolina ranks 4th and 5th respectively.



As shown in the graph below, installations in Q2 2013 were the second largest the U.S. solar market's history. The industry installed 832 MW of photovoltaic (PV) capacity, 15% higher than Q1 2013. The utility photovoltaic market drove much of the growth, with over 450 MW of projects commissioned. The overall solar electric market is on pace for the installation of about 4,400 MW of PV and over 900 MW of concentrating solar power (CSP) in 2013.



NORTH CAROLINA

Sòlar power is part of a \$3.7 billion clean energy industry in the state. The analysis below shows the demographics of all 42 completed major publically announced solar farms in North Carolina according to SEIA, and compares them to the proposed Webbs Road solar farm, within a one-mile radius.

As shown in the graph below, the proposed Webbs Road solar farm is a typical size for major publically announced solar farms, planned for about 5 Megawatts. Typical major publically announced solar farms range from approximately 1 to nearly 20 Megawatts.



As shown in the graph below, for the 42 completed major publically announced solar farms in North Carolina, the median housing value within a 1-mile radius, ranged from \$38,942 to \$259,424, and averaged \$113,976. In contrast, the location of the Webbs Road Solar farm had a median housing value of about \$451,515, well above the typical range for recently completed solar farms.



As shown in the graph below, the number of households within a one-mile radius from the 42 major publically announced completed solar farms ranged from 2 to 814, and averaged 266 households. Most solar farms are located in areas with less than 155 households, within one mile from the facility. In contrast, the location of the proposed Webbs Road solar farm has 913 households, within a one-mile radius. Again, this is outside the typical distribution range for solar farms locations.



As shown in the graph below, the 42 major publically announced completed solar farms -in North Carolina had an average household income within a one-mile radius, ranging from \$33,876 to \$103,169, averaging \$49,328 annually. In contrast, the location of the proposed Webbs Road solar farm has an average household income within a one-mile radius of \$131,260. Again, this is well outside the range for typical solar farm locations.



Based on the various demographics of typical solar farm locations, the location of the proposed Webbs Road solar farm is not typical of other completed solar farm locations. Solar farms are typically located in rural areas with much lower population and household densities. In addition, these areas tend to have lower housing values and household incomes. In all demographic categories, the Webbs Road solar farm is outside the distribution of the 42 major publically announced completed solar farms in North Carolina.

CONCLUSION

Solar farms are a burgeoning industry both nationally and in North Carolina. Only in the last couple years have we seen the industry expand substantially in North Carolina. At 3.7 billion annually, North Carolina is ranked 4th and 5th respectively for installations and installed capacity. Therefore, as a young industry, there has been a limited amount of time to accumulate data about their effects on residential property values. Based on the above analysis, the proposed Webbs Road solar farm is a typical sized solar farm. However, based on the distribution of households, household income, and median housing values, the Webbs Road solar farm is located in an area atypical from where solar farms are generally located.

DIRECT EVEIDENCE OF IMPAIRMENT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL USES THAT IMPACT VIEW OR THE HOMOGENENITY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

This section identifies and presents direct evidence of the impairment of residential property values by neighboring or adjacent non-residential uses. These uses impair the view and/or homogeneity of the residential uses causing significant damage to property value.

AFFECT ON ADJACENT PROPERTY TO WEBBS FARM SOLAR FARM

The following is an actual cancelled sale contract, after a potential buyer was informed of the proposed Strata Solar farm on Webbs Road. In this transaction we verified ownership, the sales contract, and interviewed both the buyer and seller. This transaction demonstrates the significant damage the proposed solar farm has already had on adjacent property values.

4301 BURTON LANE



Picture of 4301 Burton Lane from Lincoln County GIS

Mr. Daniel Mclean and his wife Martha Mclean currently own the property at 4301 Burton Lane, Denver, NC 280371. The property totals about 0.60 acres, and is located across Burton Lane from Sailview. The dwelling is a split level, containing approximately 1,200 to 1,500 square feet on the main level, and 600 to 900 square feet on the upper level, for a total about 1,800 to 2,300 square feet. The property also has a 24x26 storage building and a swimming pool.

¹ Recorded in Lincoln County Register of Deeds Book/Page 589/479, June 29, 1982.

The owners listed the property for sale in July 2013, with residential real estate broker Marty Wulkhorst at an asking price of \$225,000 (MLS #2163652). The Listing sheet is enclosed as an exhibit in this report. In mid-August, 2013, approximately 30 days on the market, the owners received an offer to purchase the property for \$200,000 from David Hibben and Christine Hibben, A copy of a portion of the offer to purchase is enclosed within this report. After the



Aerial Picture of 4301 Burton Lane from Lincoln County GIS

contract was signed, the buyers asked to amend the original contract (dated August 22, 2013), changing the end of the due diligence period to October 25, 2013, with settlement on October 30, 2013.



Aerial Showing 4301 Burton Lane, Proposed Solar Farm, and Sailview

During the due diligence period, the general public became aware of Strata Solar's proposed Webbs Road solar farm. According to the seller (Mrs. Martha Mclean), once the general public became aware of the solar farm, Mr. Hibben contacted Mrs.
Mclean, requesting to cancel the contract immediately, due to the proposed solar farm. However, Mrs. Mclean convinced Mr. Hibben to delay cancellation, until immediately prior to the ending of the due diligence period on October 25, 2013. Unfortunately, Mr. Hibben withdrew their offer a few days prior to the end of the due diligence period.

According to Mr. David Hibben, the public announcement of the solar farm was the impetus to cancel the contract. Mr. Hibben is in the construction business. He commented the solar farm would be unattractive, and the view would not be complimentary to single family dwellings. He mentioned he could not justify putting money in a dwelling that would be negatively affected by the solar farm for many years. We asked Mr. Hibben if he would reconsider if the purchase price was reduced by \$50,000. He said would not even consider a more substantial reduction in the purchase price.

Based on the results of the interviews and information above, we believe this clearly shows just the proposed Strata Solar Farm negatively affected the value of this dwelling. Even with a substantial reduction in purchase price, the buyer would not consider purchasing the property, due to the potential of a future adjacent solar farm. The Sailview neighborhood is directly across Burton Lane from this property, and it appears property values would also be negatively affected by the solar farm.

AFFECT ON ADJOINING PROPERTY

This example shows how a solar farm has affected the sales of lots in a second home subdivision in Hayesville North Carolina.

TUSQUITTEE TRACE SUBDIVISION

Tusquittee Trace is a 15-lot subdivision in Hayesville, Clay County, North Carolina. Hayesville consists of mostly second homes for residents from North Carolina, Georgia, and as far away as Florida. The subdivision is located on Bristol Road about three miles north of downtown Hayesville. The subdivision began in 2006 by developer Gary Reffit, and entered the market just before the recent US recession (December 2007 to June 2009). The developer mentioned construction costs for houses will be around \$250,000, and total property values are about \$325,000.



Aerial of Tusquittee trace and Adjacent Solar Farm

As shown in the graph below, during the recession, no lots were sold. However, once the lingering effects of the recession subsided, the project began selling lots. In 2009 the first lot was sold for \$73,000, and in 2010 two lots sold for \$75,000 each. In 2011, the adjacent farm owner signed a ground lease for small solar array, taking up a portion of the owner's corn field. Many lots in Tusquittee Trace have a direct view of the solar farm. It is also visible at the entrance, and driving on the interior roads. As shown in the graph on the following page, since the construction of the solar farm, there have been no lot sales in the subdivision.



According to the developer, several real estate brokers have brought potential buyers to look at the lots. However, all the brokers have said buyers are turned off by the solar array on the adjacent farm, and they chose other lots without impaired views.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

In June 2011, Clay County residents voiced their concern that solar farms are devaluing their homes values, and wanted the county to enact regulations. The County Commissioner Dan McGlamery told the audience he appealed his property tax value, based on the neighboring solar farm hampering his views. After hearing the arguments from Mr. McGlamery and others, the Board of Equalization granted Mr. McGlamery a reduction in assessed property value. Since, several parcels have had their assessed values reduced, due to proximity to a solar farm. According to Board of Equalization Member, Tina Mallamus, they estimated values were impaired on average by about 30%.

As shown in the table below, the property assessment for 19 parcels have been successfully appealed. Overall, the appeals reduced assessed values by \$552,500, and property taxes on those parcels were reduced about 30.8%.

Pro	pert	y Tax Reduction - Hay	esville - Clay	County	
		Subdivision	Prior	Appealed	
PIN	Lot	Addess	Tax Value	Tax Value	Difference
5561-00-36-9934	1	Tusquittee Trace	\$60,000	\$35,700	\$24,300
5561-00-47-1013	2	Tusquittee Trace	\$60,000	\$32,100	\$27,900
5561-00-46-0699	3	Tusquittee Trace	\$70,000	\$36,800	\$33,200
5561-00-36-7782	4	Tusquittee Trace	\$70,000	\$38,000	\$32,000
5561-00-46-3665	5	Tusquittee Trace	\$75,000	\$38,200	\$36,800
5561-00-46-2551	6	Tusquittee Trace	\$65,000	\$35,000	\$30,000
5561-00-46-0481	7	Tusquittee Trace	\$65,000	\$35,000	\$30,000
5561-00-36-8452	8	Tusquittee Trace	\$70,000	\$37,100	\$32,900
5561-00-36-6292	9	Tusquittee Trace	\$80,000	\$45,000	\$35,000
5561-00-36-8142	10	Tusquittee Trace	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$30,000
5561-00-46-1152	12	Tusquittee Trace	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$30,000
5561-00-46-2189	13	Tusquittee Trace	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$30,000
5469-00-49-9674	14	65 Chatuga Dam Rd	\$112,800	\$99,000	\$13,800
5469-00-49-6992	15	Chatuga Dam Rd	\$61,200	\$45,600	\$15,600
5469-00-58-0897	16	Chatuga Dam Rd	\$192,500	\$185,900	\$6,600
5469-00-59-3546	17	Chatuga Dam Rd	\$87,300	\$69,100	\$18,200
5469-00-48-9397	18	Chatuga Dam Rd	\$49,500	\$46,000	\$3,500
5570-04-93-0008	19	Hwy 64E	\$452,200	\$329,500	\$122,700
Total			\$1,795,500	\$1,243,000	\$552,500
Tax Rate			\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.36
Property Taxes			\$6,464	\$4,475	\$1,989
Percent Difference	[<u> </u>	30.8%

As a result of these and other solar farm issues, the Clay County commissioners, the commissioners passed a solar farm ordinance in October 2011. The ordinance set fencing, setbacks, buffers, and development permit standards. In addition, the commission recognized solar farms can have "adverse impacts on the value of properties adjacent thereto as well as other properties located nearby."

The ordinance included a requirement for safety fencing at least 6 feet in height, including barbed wire above the fencing. All fences must remain gated and locked at all times. Setbacks are generally 100 feet from property lines, streams, or roads. In addition, evergreen buffers of 6 feet in height are required

IMPAIRMENT BY OF VIEW BY NON-RESIDENTIAL USE

In addition to obtaining direct evidence of solar farms impairing residential property values, we also analyzed the very similar case of a commercial use locating adjacent to a higher-priced subdivision to show how an incompatible commercial use in a neighborhood significantly impairs nearby residential property values.

SOUTHRIDGE



The Southridge community is located in Elgin, Richland County South Carolina. It is a gated community, with houses ranging from about \$400,000 to \$800,000. The houses were built in the mid-2000s, and range in size from just over 4,000 to almost 8,000 square feet. This is similar to the Sailview community.

As shown in the aerial below, in the fall of 2010, Verizon Wireless completed a 146,000 square foot call center on about

29 acres adjacent to Southridge, across Woodcreek Ridge Drive. The call center is not Typical houses in Southridge adequately buffered, and the houses along Woodcreek Ridge Drive, built

before the call center, now have a direct view of it from the second story.



Aerial showing Southridge and Verizon Call Center

The aerial below shows a number of matched paired sales in Southridge. All the matched paired sales, before the call center was built, show price appreciation. In contrast, all matched paired sales, with a sale before and after the call center was built, show a value decline. The decline was experienced not only by houses with a direct view of the call center, but all houses with paired sales in Southridge.



Aerial showing location of paired sales in Southridge

The table below shows all the recent matched paired sales in the Southridge. The appreciation in housing prices, before the call center was built, ranged from 9.6% to 27.5%, and averaged 21.3%. The matched paired sales, before/after the call center was built, showed a decline of 10.7% to 23.1%, and averaged 15.2%.

	Ma	tched Paired Sales Effect of Adjace	in Southri nt Verizon	dge - Elgin, R Call Center -	ichland Coun Built in 2010	ty, SC	
TMS	Number	Street	HLA	Sale date	Sale Price	Price/SF	Verified
R28804-01-19	113	Southridge Way	4,254	12/14/2006	\$540,000	\$126.94	Yes
R28804-01-19	113	Southridge Way	4,254	3/3/2013	\$468,000	\$110.01	Yes
			Total Diff	erence	(\$72,000)	(\$16.93)	
			% Differe	nce		-13.3%	
R28804-01-20	205	Southridge Drive	4,030	10/15/2007	\$575,000	\$142.68	Yes
R28804-01-20	205	Southridge Drive	4,030	4/17/2009	\$630,000	\$156.33	Yes
			Total Diffe	erence	\$55,000	\$14	
			% Differe	nce		9.6%	
R28804-01-26	219	Southridge Drive	3,957	4/6/2005	\$615,951	\$155.66	Yes
R28804-01-26	219	Southridge Drive	3,957	2/6/2012	\$520,000	\$131.41	Yes
			Total Diffe	erence	(\$95,951)	(\$24.25)	
			% Differe	nce		-15.6%	
					-		
R28804-01-27	223	Southridge Drive	4,500	5/8/2006	\$715,491	\$159.00	Reliable source
R28804-01-27	223	Southridge Drive	4,500	8/4/2010	\$550,000	\$122.22	Reliable source
			Total Diff	erence	(\$165,491)	(\$36.78)	
			% Differe	nce		-23.1%	
R28804-01-29	228	Southridge Way	4,866	8/2/2006	\$650,000	\$133.58	Yes
R28804-01-29	228	Southridge Way	4,866	7/3/2007	\$829,000	\$170.37	Yes
			Total Diff	erence	\$179,000	\$37	
			% Differe	nce		27.5%	
R28804-01-45	128	Southridge Way	7,581	8/20/2008	\$541,402	\$71.42	Reliable source
R28804-01-45	128	Southridge Way	7,581	2/2/2010	\$686,250	\$90.52	Yes
			Total Diff	erence	\$144,848	\$19	
			% Differe	nce		26.8%	
R28804-01-47	120	Southridge Way	4,150	12/8/2008	\$480,500	\$115.78	Yes
R28804-01-47	120	Southridge Way	4,150	6/28/2012	\$417,000	\$100.48	Yes
			Total Diff	erence	(\$63,500)	(\$15.30)	
			% Differe	nce		-13.2%	
R28804-01-54	101	Southridge Way	4,087	2/18/2005	\$528,700	\$129.36	Reliable source
R28804-01-54	101	Southridge Way	4,087	9/6/2011	\$472,000	\$115.49	Yes
	l		Total Diff	erence	(\$56,700)	(\$13.87)	
			% Differe	nce		-10.7%	1

Overall, this example shows a commercial use, not in harmony with surrounding residential land uses, causes a significant loss in housing values. The values of the houses are impaired significantly for the higher-priced homes. Furthermore, the adjacent commercial use affects not only the houses with a direct view, but all the houses in the community.

SURVEY METHOD

We surveyed market participants, including real estate brokers, appraisers, and developers both locally in Denver, North Carolina and in Hayesville, North Carolina, mentioned earlier in this report. Below are the results of our interviews with these market participants.

LOCAL DENVER MARKET PARTICIPANT

We contacted several local market participants, including residential real estate brokers, active in the immediate area, to obtain a consensus of the effect a solar farm would have on housing values. Overall, the brokers agreed a solar farm would negatively impact property value in Sailview. Furthermore, the impact of the solar farm would be more severe, due to area's average housing values. In addition, brokers agreed if the solar farm is sufficiently hidden by setback, berms, and landscaping, residential property values would most likely not be impacted.

FRANCES DAWSON (RE/MAX EXECUTIVE REALTY AT THE LAKE): Ms. Dawson previously lived in Sailview, and has several listings for both land and houses. She mentioned the potential solar farm will have a negative impact on housing values in Sailview. Due to the community activism, bringing the potential solar farm to the public forefront, she has begun receiving questions from buyers about the solar farm. She also fields question from buyers about the other commercial uses along Webbs Road, before entering the subdivision. She said the solar panels will have a negative impact on housing values, if they cover a large area and they are visible, creating more visual pollution along Webbs Road.

Ms. Dawson mentioned residents from Sailview are still trying to recover from the recent recession, and housing prices are finally increasing. The existence of the solar farm will make the houses in Sailview less competitive, with potential buyers looking at competing subdivisions, including Lakeview, West Bay, Pebble Bay, and Westport. However, she believes the farm could be a good neighbor if the panels can't be seen. The panels do not move, and do not emit any distasteful odors. She believes if the homeowners work with the Mr. Dellinger and construct an earth berm buffer with additional landscaping, residents would not see the solar farm and other motorists would not even know it was there. She mentioned possibly using a similar earth berm and landscaping as used at Sailview might be sufficient.

NADINE DEASON (Atten TATE REALTY): Ms. Deason previously lived in Sailview, and is one of the top recognized brokers in the Lake Norman area, selling homes in higher-priced subdivisions. She has sold houses in Sailview and currently has multiple house and lot listings there. She believes the solar farm will have a devastating effect on housing values in the community, possibly reducing values up to 30%. She does not believe the solar farm would be in harmony with the area. As an industrial use, it would add to the detrimental uses, already located on Webbs Road. She mentioned she fields concerns about the existing commercial and industrial uses on Webbs Road. Potential buyers ask if there is another way to access the community. Since the solar farm has become public knowledge, she is now required to disclose the potential solar farm on the North Carolina Residential Property Disclosure Form.

She mentioned as a luxury resort community, the negative effects of a solar farm are more pronounced than in rural communities. Potential buyers have begun showing apprehension about buying homes in Sailview, due to the potential solar farm. Although buffering the solar farm from view is an option, she doesn't think it would be feasible to add sufficient landscaping including berms, trees and shrubs, to completely conceal the solar farm from view.

JANE RODDY (ALLEN TATE): Ms. Roddy is a real estate broker who sells houses in Sailview, and also lives in the community. Ms. Roddy believes potential buyers will be turned-off by the solar farm at the entrance, and it is not in harmony with the surrounding land. If the solar farm is approved, she will seriously consider selling her house in Sailview. The solar farm in addition to the concrete plant and Sani-Can business will combine to depress the homes values. Currently, sellers in the neighborhood are concerned about their housing values, and potential buyers already complain about the existing industrial uses on Webbs Road before the entrance.

DEBBIE BEAM (LAKE NORMAN - RE/MAX EXECUTIVE REALTY): Ms. Beam lives in the neighboring Governor's Island community, with homes starting at \$1 million. She grew up in Lincoln County, and has listings in Governor's Island, Lakewood, Norman Pointe, and West Bay. Ms. Beam cannot see how the solar farm would be a positive attribute to the area or the Sailview community, and expects housing values to decline if the solar farm is built. She also believes the solar farm will negatively affect the other neighboring communities in the area, since Webbs Road is the primary access road for the entire peninsula. She mentioned it is already difficult to convince buyers to purchase a house on the west side of the lake. The solar farm will make it much more difficult for future residential sales on the entire peninsula. Buyers at this price range are more discriminating, and will choose other communities not on the peninsula. She also mentioned she does not believe landscaping

alone will completely conceal the solar farm from view.

MARCIA HERRING (ALLEN TATE): Ms. Herring is a local real estate broker who lives on the peninsula, and would have to drive by the proposed solar farm daily. She said it is hard to determine the effect a solar farm would have on residential property values, but it would most likely be a negative impact. She mentioned as both a home owner and real estate broker in the area, she sees the area as fairly forgiving regarding adjacent property uses. As an example she mentioned a doublewide may be located next to a mansion. She feels initially fear will significantly negatively affect residential values, but she is unsure if this would be permanent. She would prefer not to see the solar panels at this site, mentioning there are less populated more rural areas in Lincoln County for a solar farm. However, she understands the land owner has a right to develop and use his land. She believes effective landscaping could possibly mitigate the view issues, but is unsure if it could conceal the chain-link and barbed wire fence around the site. Overall, she believes it would negatively affect property values.

<u>BILL AHLS (NHB GROUP, INC)</u>: Mr. Ahls has a limited service lot listing in Sailview. He had not heard of the potential solar farm, and had not heard anything about it from either the seller or a potential buyer. He does not feel the solar farm will affect housing values, unless the panels are tall and dominate the field of view.

DAVID DISABATO: Mr. Disabato is not a broker, but is selling his home as the homeowner. He is selling his home which he purchased in 2005. He mentioned homes usually sell fairly quickly in Sailview, but he has had only a few inquiries on his home. He mentioned everyone is well aware of the potential solar farm, and he feels it will have a negative impact on housing prices in the neighborhood. He is concerned that any type of commercial development at the entrance of the subdivision would have a negative impact on housing prices,

CLAY COUNTY MARKET PARTICIPANTS INTERVIEWS

We also spoke to several real estate market participants about the effects of solar farms in Clay County. As mentioned later, Clay County has enacted regulations after residents voiced their disapproval about solar farms constructed adjacent or nearby their properties. Below are summaries of each interview. Overall, the interviewees agreed solar farms reduce property values, especially for higher-priced homes, with more discriminating buyers. They agreed the solar farms affect property value by impairing a property's view.

GARY REFFIT: Mr. Reffit is a real estate developer whose Tusquittee Trace subdivision is directly impacted by an adjacent solar farm. According to Mr. Reffit, multiple real estate brokers commented the solar farm pushed away potential buyers. There are hundreds of lots available in Clay and the surrounding counties, and typical second home buyers prefer lots with unadulterated scenic views. With such a large supply of competitive scenic lots, even a small solar farm makes his lots uncompetitive in the market. He mentioned it is similar to having a view of a pig farm. He mentioned Clay County does not have zoning, and the adjacent land owner was able to put in a solar farm without requiring approval. He mentioned if solar farms are buffered and out of direct view, he does not think they will affect property value or competitiveness. Mr. Reffit was able to get his property tax value reduced on the Tusquittee Trace lots, due to their proximity to a solar farm.

<u>SONJA SILVERS</u>: Ms. Silvers is a native of Hayesville, and real estate broker who owns Sonja Silvers Realty Group. Ms. Silver's feels if a solar farm is in direct view, it significantly detracts from the property value. She mentioned Hayesville is a second-home area, and buyers will not sacrifice their views. With several lots to choose from, any lot with even partially impaired by a solar farm will be uncompetitive. Further, with continued high construction costs, buyers are selecting existing homes over new construction. This further reduces demand, making lots even more competitive. Ms. Silvers, is not against having solar farms in the area, but she feels they need to be in areas not visible by home buyers.

<u>TINA MALLAMAS</u>: Ms. Mallamas is a residential real estate appraiser and realtor in Hayesville. She is also on the Clay County Board of Equalization. Ms. Mallamas said there is not enough information to show quantitatively how much residential property values are impaired being adjacent to a solar farm, but based on the consensus from several property owners and real estate brokers, she estimates land value is impaired about 30%. **<u>CRAIG STAFFORD</u>**: Mr. Stafford is a real estate broker with at Coldwell Banker; with several lot listings in the Bristol Ridge subdivision neighboring Tusquittee Trace. Mr. Stafford mentioned he has not seen any evidence of the nearby solar farm affecting his lot listings, but if the lots had a direct view of the solar farm, they would be significantly impaired. However, he does not believe the lots in Bristol Ridge are impaired, due to their proximity to the solar farm. He mentioned there is a large supply of competitive lots, and by the principle of substitution, a typical buyer would choose another lot over one with a view impaired by a solar farm.

EFFECT ON MODESTLY PRICED HOUSES

The example below shows solar farms appear to have a diminishing or no negative impact on residential property at lower housing values. As mentioned previously by real estate brokers, higher-priced house buyers are fairly discriminating, and an uncompetitive property will struggle to sell at those market levels. The example below, shows buyers of more modestly-priced houses appear to be less discriminating about adjacent or nearby commercial uses.

AM BEST SOLAR FARM

One of the few solar farms in North Carolina, adjacent to a developing neighborhood, is the AM Best Solar farm in Goldsboro, Wayne County, North Carolina. The project was completed by Strata Solar and totals approximately 6.65 Megawatts. The facility was constructed on vacant land adjacent to the Spring Garden subdivision. Facility construction lasted 14 weeks, beginning in March, 2013, and completed in June 2013.



Aerial of AM Best Solar farm and adjacent Spring Garden

According to the Goldsboro Planning Department, the AM Best Solar Farm is currently zoned I-2 (General Industrial). Although the planning department could not verify when the property was rezoned to I-2, it appears the property has been zoned I-2 for several years. The definition of the I-2 zoning classification is shown below.

General Industry - I-2

The General Industrial district is established to accommodate the widest range of manufacturing, wholesale and distribution uses, provided the use does not create smoke, dust, noise, vibration or fumes beyond the lot line. The district also prohibits those uses that would interfere with the future development of industrial establishments. There is no minimum lot size.

Based on the permitted uses, various commercial uses are possible for the site, past and present home buyers understand and expect a commercial use would eventually be put on the site.

As shown in the graph below, the median housing values, within a 1-mile radius of the AM Best solar farm, are about \$153,000, typical for solar farms in North Carolina.



As shown in the graph below, the AM Best solar farm is located in an area with a housing density of 702 houses within a one mile radius typical of other facilities.



As shown in the graph below, the AM Best solar farm is located in an area with average household income of about \$51,543, typical of other solar farm locations.



SPRING GARDEN



Typical house in Spring Garden

The Spring Garden subdivision began in the late 1990s and currently has nearly 60 home sites. Current listings range from about \$237,000 to \$260,000 for houses ranging from about 3,200 to 3,500 square feet. The builder is H&H Homes, which has purchased several lots from the developer. The community does not have any amenities. Past and current home buyers understand the subdivision is located adjacent industrially zoned land.

As shown in the table below, both the house size and average sale price per square foot increased from 2012 to October 2013. The average sale price per square foot in 2012 was \$72.86, and in 2013 to date it was \$73.82. The average heated living area of the houses increased in 2013 to date from 3,155 square feet to 3,380 square feet.

Residen	tial Sale Sum	mary - Spring	g Garden
	House	Avg	Avg
Year	Sales	Sales Price/SF HLA (sq ft)	HLA (sq ft)
2010	1	\$100.54	2,606
2011	0	N/A	N/A
2012	6	\$72.86	3,155
2013 YTD	9	\$73.92	3,353

Note: Sales as of October 2013

BROKER OPINIONS

We contacted the two real estate brokers selling houses in Spring Garden to obtain their opinion on the effect of the solar farm on the community.

COEY GALLIMORE (COLDWELL BANKER): Ms. Gallimore has sold homes in Spring Garden and has multiple listings their currently. According to Ms. Gallimore, there has been no dissatisfaction with any buyers about the adjacent solar farm. She currently has three houses under contract, and none of the buyers has mentioned the solar farm as being an issue. She mentioned the houses currently being sold do not have any view of the solar farm as they are buffered by trees. However, home owners may see the solar farm in the winter months. She believes in this price range, buyers prefer an adjacent solar farm to a chicken or hog farm.

BRUCE GATES (COLDWELL BANKER): Mr. Gates also sells homes in Spring Garden and currently has multiple listings in the community, with houses currently under construction. Mr. Gates also said there has been no concern over the adjacent solar farm from potential buyers. Mr. Gates conceded up until now, buyers had no direct view of the solar farm. However, future buyers will have a direct view of the solar farm from at least the second story. He mentioned other neighboring uses typically cause more concern for buyers, including a graveyard.

CONCLUSION

Although the sale prices per square foot in Spring Garden have not experienced a decline to date, the solar farm was only completed in June 2013. According to brokers, none of the recent buyers had houses with a direct view of the solar farm. However, future buyers will have the solar farm in direct view as the remaining lots do not have a tree line buffer. In addition, brokers mentioned buyers in this price range are not as discriminating, satisfied the adjacent property is not a chicken or hog farm. Past and current buyers understand the subdivision is located adjacent to industrial zoned land, and expect a commercial use could be located adjacent to the subdivision. Overall, until more sales are tabulated, including sales with a view of the solar farm, it is too early to make a determination as to the effect of the solar farm on Spring Garden's housing values. However, evidence currently suggests there is no impact on value in this price range.

LITERATURE AND STUDIES

Solar farms are still a bourgeoning industry, and there is a lack of literature or analytical studies to more fully understand their impact on property value. Therefore, as a proxy to solar farms, we researched published studies on high voltage power lines and wind farms which are shown to impair the residential property values.

The studies below are comprehensive studies using advanced statistical methods over long time periods to accurately quantify the effects of these adjacent or nearby uses on residential property values. Overall, the studies are mixed, but some conclude these uses impair residential property values. The extent of impairment is appears proportional to the property's value, and proximity and not just a direct view impair value. In addition, smaller properties and less unique properties were more seriously affected.

• In 2008, S. Bottemiller, MAI, and M. Wolverton, Ph.D., MAI published a study titled <u>The</u> <u>Price Effects of HVTLs² on Abutting Homes</u>. In the study, they analyzed single-family house sales in the Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington areas from 2005 through the first half of 2007. It covered 538 house sales in Portland and 568, and 1,136 house sales in King County, Washington.

The study confirms the findings of previous studies. It found that more typically priced homes revealed a very small negative and statistically insignificant HVTL price effect. However, the HVTL effect for higher-priced home (mean sales price of \$1,035,105) is substantial and highly significant. The study concluded using a multi-variate regression analysis that higher priced homes abutting an HVTL sold for about 11.225% less. This equated to a difference of \$130,882. The study also concluded that HVTL proximity had no effect on the rate of change in home prices in the Seattle market during the study period.

• In 2012, James A. Chalmers, Ph.D., completed a study titled, <u>High-Voltage</u> <u>Transmission Lines and Rural, Western real Estate Values</u>. The 11-year study looked at the impact of transmission lines on sale prices and time on the market. Data was collected across 640 miles and 15 counties in Montana, and includes sales of rural subdivisions, agricultural, recreational, and mixed-use properties. Unlike other studies, this one examined the effect of transmission lines on specific properties.

According to the results, the impact of transmission lines on property sales varies by use, size and uniqueness. Recreational and agricultural properties were not affected, but

² High Voltage Transmission Line

some residential properties sold for 20% to 50% less than comparables. Smaller properties are more vulnerable to transmission lines, unlike larger properties where the lines tend to interfere less with the use of the property. If a property affected by transmission lines is similar to other competing properties not affected, it is more likely to sell for less and take longer to sell.

• In 2011, Martin D. Heintzelman and Carrie M. Tuttle completed an analysis titled, <u>Values in the Wind: A Hedonic Analysis of Wind Power Facilities</u>. Mr. Hientzelman is Assistant Professor, Clarkson University School of Business. The analysis used 11,369 arm'slength property transactions over 9 years in northern New York to explore the effects of new wind turbine facilities on property values. They used a repeat sales fixed-effects hedonic analysis to reach their conclusions.

The results concluded that nearby wind facilities significantly reduce property values. Houses within one mile of the nearest turbine had price decline of between 7.73% and 14.87%. Houses within one-half miles from the nearest turbine had a price decline of between 10.87% to 17.77%. In addition, the findings showed the negative impact decreased as the distance from the nearest turbine increased.

GROWING PUBLIC OPPOSITION

The examples below show growing public opposition to solar farms in North Carolina. In each example, the local municipality denied or voted against a proposed solar farm. The decisions are generally based on solar farms **not being in harmony with the surrounding land uses**, and a likely **reduction in property values**.

• In April 2013, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners denied a permit to establish a solar farm near Rowland. Carolina Solar Energy, a green energy company in Durham, requested a conditional use permit to build a five-megawatt solar farm on 64 acres, outside Rowland in Robeson County. Several adjoining property owners questioned **the depreciation of property values**, the visibility of the more than 26,000 panels, and that the proposed site is on fertile farming land.³

• In April 2013, the Laurinburg City Council denied the development of a solar farm off U.S. 501. The 4-1 vote was taken shortly after a four-hour public hearing. Strata Solar, a Chapel Hill company, petitioned to install 26,000 panels on 30 acres within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Councilman Kenton Spencer made the motion to deny the request, based on expert testimony that could **not disprove property values wouldn't be negatively affected**, and it **was not in harmony with the surrounding community**.⁴

• In May 2013, the Moore County Planning Board rejected a proposed text amendment to the county zoning ordinance that would have allowed solar farms. The unanimous decision hinged on federal and state tax credits subsidizing more than half the solar farm construction costs. The board did not want to promote that use of government funds, with taxpayers subsidizing the construction. The Planning Board was also concerned who would be responsible for decommissioning the equipment, once it exceeded its useful life. The Board was concerned there would eventually be abandoned solar farms, similar to the abandoned wind farms in the Midwest. Argand Energy Solutions in Charlotte had submitted plans for two five-megawatt solar farms outside Eagle Springs, and Strata Solar in Chapel Hill planned a seven-megawatt project on N.C. 24/27 east of Carthage.⁵

• In October 2013, two solar farms planned for Yadkin County are heading to a Nov, 19 public hearing after complaints were filed with the N.C. Utilities Commission. Strata Solar

³ http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2013/04/02/1247640

⁴ http://fayobserver.com/articles/2013/04/18/1251103

⁵ http://thepilot.www.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/2013/may/15/county-board-rejects-solar-farm-plans/

proposed both solar farms would be about 5 megawatts. The November hearings are set for the Yadkinville Town Hall. Filers listed six primary reasons for denying the application: *devaluation of property values; harm to neighborhood appearance;* addition of fencing; erosion and run-off concerns; construction noise and inconvenience; and lack of buffer zone.⁶

• In September 2013, the Shelby City Council voted down a rezoning request to allow a solar farm to be built on Earl Road. Opponents contended the solar panels would change their views and would **reduce the value of their properties**. Members of council voted against the rezoning because it did not fit seven specific requirements for a special-use permit. Those requirements included that the property rezoning fit the city's current use plan, must **be in harmony with nearby properties, and must not injure the value of any adjacent properties**. The council determined that the rezoning did not fit those requirements.⁷

 ⁶ http://www.renewablesbiz.com/article/13/10/complaints-lead-public-hearings-proposed-yadkin-solar-farms
⁷ http://www.shelbystar.com/news/local/city-council-leaders-reject-proposed-solar-farm-1.204054?page=1

CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED STRATA SOLAR FARM - WEBBS ROAD, DENVER, LINCOLN COUNTY, N.C.

				Ž	C Solar Farm Data Set					
	Auno	sinus	rear complete	Size (MW)	Address	City	state	House\$ (1 mi)	HHs (1 mj)	Avg HH \$ (1 mi)
Subject	lincoln	Proposed	N/A	2	Webbs Rd/Burton Ln	Denver	NC	\$451,515	913	\$131,260
	Catawba	Existing	2012	20	6028 Startown Rd	Maiden	ğ	\$135,971	122	\$49,372
7	Wake	Existing	2008	2.5	Trenton Rd	Cary .	Ŋ	\$259,424	698	\$103,169
en	Edgecombe	Existing	2008	-	QVC BVd	Rocky Mount	Ŷ	\$77,976	54	\$44,755
4	Washington	Existing	2012	2.4	872 McNair Rd	Piymouth	Ŋ	\$93,687	139	\$43,074
5	New Hanove	Existing	2009	1	801 Sutton Steam Plant	Wilmington	Ŷ	\$135,696	0	\$45,726
Ŷ	Alexander	Existing	· 2010	-	Boston Rd	Taylorsville	Ŋ	\$91,986	306	\$33,892
7	Wayne	Existing	2013	6.65	381 Fedelon Trail	Goldsboro	Ŋ	\$153,213	702	\$51.544
8	Lenior	Existing	2013	\$	3200 Wheat Swamp R	Kinston	Ŋ	\$78.003	113	\$47,835
ه	Davidson	Existing	2011	8	New Jersey Church Rd	Linwood	Ŋ	\$113.882	324	\$46.417
01	Wayne	Existing	2013	6.65	640 Bert Martin Rd	Mt Olive	Ŋ	\$99,925	428	\$49.072
11	Gaston	Existing	2012	~	Dixson Dairy Rd	Kings Moutnai	2 Z	\$103,808	252	\$46,185
12	Robeson	Existing	2012	s	Charlie Watts Rd	Maxton	ÿ	\$52,727	462	\$35,070
13	Robeson	Existing	2012	цо	7821 NC 710	Rowland	ÿ	\$38,942	61	S34.710
14	Robeson	Existing	2012	ب	NC 71 and Shannon Rd	Shannon	Ŷ	\$55,238	141	\$40,188
15	Robeson	Existing	2012	6.4	737 N Railroad St	St Pauls	ÿ	\$74.221	657	\$48.324
16	Catawba	Existing	2012	6.4	2355 NC 16	Conover	2 Z	\$132,534	441	\$50.901
17	Cleveland	Existing	2012	ъ	5617 Fallston Rd	Lanwdale	ġ	\$95,532	10	\$45.302
18	Richmond	Existing	2013	\$	King St	Rockingham	Ŋ	\$99,295	30	\$59,035
19	Lenior	Existing	2013	Ŷ	4416 Odham Rd	Kinston	Ŷ	\$80,412	132	\$47.716
20	Warren	Existing	2012	5.6	Hicksville Rd	Warrenton	ÿ	\$75,908	172	\$44,358
2]	Davle	Existing	2012	6.4	462 Eaton Rd	Mocksville	ÿ	\$123,722	551	\$49,050
22	Columbus	Existing	2012	2	942 Midway Dr	Whiteville	g	\$82,905	142	\$44,121
23	Hoke	Existing	2012	6.4	E Palmer St	Raeford	Ŋ	\$110,610	814	\$48,063
24	Wake	Existing	2013	6.4	Old Store Rd	Fuquay	Ŋ	\$181,483	455	\$66,366
25	Catawba	Existing	2013	6.4	3425 Zion Church Rd	Hickory	Ŋ	\$133,314	347	\$52,487
26	Caswell	Existing	2013	6.4	1434 DIBRELL RD	Pelham	U Z	\$91,769	61	\$44,587
27	Wilson	Existing	2013	6.4	507 S Parker St	Elm City	С Z	\$85,594	580	\$43,292
28	Wilson	Existing	2012	2	Lewis Rd	Elm City	N N	\$136,106	125	\$64,394
50	Surry	Existing	2011	4.5	Quarry Rd	Mt Airy	U N	\$103,768	125	\$43,237
c e	Franklin	Existing	2012	4	NC 98 Hwy E	Bunn	ÿ	\$111,721	375	\$48,580
31	Robeson	Existing	2012	4	916 Monroe St	Fairmont	Ŋ	\$67,800	116	\$37,083
32	Robeson	Existing	2012	4	Futura Rd	Maxton	y	\$52,995	227	\$33,876
ES	Surv	Existing	2011		Wastewater Treatment	Mt Airy	NC	\$96,254	813	\$40,797
34	Cherokee	Existing	2011	-	899 Brasstown Rd	Murphy	Ŋ	\$205,311	122	\$40,580
35	Cherokee	Existing	2011	-	7426 US Hwy 64	Murphy	ÿ	\$167,996	87	\$49,456
36	Cherokee	Existing	2011	-	Weeping Willow Dr	Culberson	Ŋ	\$149,042	117	\$44,284
37	Cherokee	Existing	2011	-	1135 Sutawig Rd	Murphy	Ŋ	\$169,029	[[[\$48,079
38	Beaufort	Existing	2013	13	White Post Rd	Bath	Ŋ	\$151,562	62	\$57,173
39	Person	Existing	2012	ო	Montgomery Dr	Timberlake	ŊZ	\$156,028	176	\$68,978
9 :	Gaston	Existing	2010	-	Aviation Dr	Shleby	У Z	\$156,724	285	\$59,508
4	Person	Existing	2012	_	Hwy 501	Roxboro	Ŋ	\$132,231	109	\$62,597
42	Scotland	Existing	2012	7	Hwy 501	Laurinburg	Ŋ	\$72,632	40	\$58,555

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ADDENDA

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SEIA MAJOR SOLAR PROJECTS IN THE US, OPERATING, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, OR UNDER DEVELOPMENT DEED – 4301 BURTON LANE LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY CARD – 4301 BURTON LANE WAYNE COUNTY PROPERTY CARD – N WILLIAM STREET CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION – STRATA SOLAR OFFER TO PURCHASE CONTRACT – 4301 BURTON LANE ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS COPY OF APPRAISERS' CERTIFICATION / POCKET CARD(S)

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPRAISERS

Major Solar Projects in the United States Operating, Under Construction, or Under Development Updated September 3, 2013

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Overview

This list is for informational purposes only, reflecting projects and completed milestones in the public domain. The information in this list was gathered from public announcements of solar projects in the form of company press releases, news releases, and, in some cases, conversations with individual developers. It is not a comprehensive list of all major solar projects under development. This list may be missing smaller projects that are not publicly announced. Particularly, many smaller projects located outside of California that are built on a short time-scale may be underrepresented on this list. Also, SEIA does not guarantee that every identified project will be built. Like any other industry, market conditions may impact project economics and timelines. SEIA will remove a project if it is publicly announced that it has been cancelled. SEIA actively promotes public policy that minimizes regulatory uncertainty and encourages the accelerated deployment of utility-scale solar power.

This list includes ground-mounted solar power plants larger than 1 MW.

Example Projects



Nevada Solar Dne

Developer: Acciona Electricity Purchaser: NV Energy

Location: Boulder City, NV Technology: Trough Capacity: 64 MW Source: Acciona North America



Sierra SunTower

Developer: eSolar Electricity Purchaser: Southern California Edison Location: Antelope Valley, CA Technology: Tower Capacity: 5 MW Source: eSolar



Nellis Air Force Base

Developer: MMA Renewable Ventures Electricity Purchaser: Nellis AFB

Location: Clark County, NV Technology: PV Capacity: 14 MW Source: MMA Renewable Ventures



DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center Developer: Florida Power & Light Co. Electricity Purchaser: Florida Power & Light Co. Location: Arcadia, FL Technology: PV Capacity: 25 MW Source: Florida Power & Light

Development Construction Operation

Private versus Public Land

Solar projects proposed on public lands overseen by the federal government must complete a full Environmental Impact Statement before being issued a construction permit by the U.S. Department of the interior. This review process, which takes as long as four years to complete, involves coordinated analyses by federal, state and local stakeholders to identify the potential impacts of a proposed project.

On June 29th, 2009, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced "Fast-Track" initiatives for solar projects on lands in the West. Currently, 14 solar projects have received the "Fast-Track" distinction and are undergoing environmental review. The "Fast-Track" initiative goal is to focus BLM efforts on promising projects in order to complete review prior to the December 2010 deadline required to qualify for some funding programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. For more information on the "Fast-Track" solar projects, please visit: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/renewable_energy/fast-track_renewable.html

For more information:

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Major Steps to Bring a Utility-Scale Solar Plant Online

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Major S	olar Project Capacity by	Technology and Complet	ion Status (MW)	
Technology	Operating	Under Construction	Under Devolonment	T
CSP	523	1 187		lotal
PV	3.047	3 971	3,084	5,394
Total	2 5 70		19,452	26,371
	3,370	5,058	23,13 6	31,765
Operating Projects CSP	Projects Under Construction C	Projects Develop SP	Under Total Proje ment CSP	ct Pipeline
PV 85%	PV 77%	3% PV 84%	15% PV 83%	17%

Major Solar Project Capacity by State and Project Completion Status (MW)

<u>State</u>	Operating	Under Construction	Under Development	Total
Arizona	657	468	1,974	3 000
California	1,432	3,408	13 747	18 597
Colorado	109		267	277
Connecticut			10	377
Delaware	27	2	10	10
Florida	136	40	964	29
Georgia	2	30	10	1,140
Hawaii	22	1	10	42
ldaho		20	49	/2
Illinois	30	20	70	90
Indiana		10	80	90
Kentucky	2	10	40	50
Massachusetts	37	· 7	40	2
Maryland	39	,	48	92
Minnesota	2		25	64
North Carolina	228	50	2	4
New Jersey	148	ן גר גר	162	449
New Mexico	- 13	12	144	304
Nevada	335	0U 010	375	614
New York	305	010	4,032	5,185
Ohio	35	0		37
Oregon	10	3	68	106
Pennsylvania	10			10
Puerto Rico	27	1	30	58
Tennessee	10		30	30
Texas	10	4	40	60
Utah	/5	89	719	883
Vermont	7		155	155
Washington	/	2	5	14
unknown			75	75
RI			36	36
Total		4		4
· vtai	3,570	5,058	23,136	31,765

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Developers Acciona	Project Name Needd Solar One	Electricity Purchaser	City/County St	te pv/csp	Technology	Scatus	Land Type	Date Announced	Online Date	Capacity
Actional	Nevada Solar One Expansion	NY Energy NY Energy	Boulder City A	20 20	Parabolic Trough	Operating	Private	2007	2007	64
Advanced Solar Products	Linden Solar Farm	PSE&G	Unden	8	c-Si	Onerating	Private		60-dax	-
Alexander & Baldwin Alfserth Renewohles	Port Allen Solar Farm	Kaua'l Island Utility Cooperative	kauai	2	c-SI	Operating	Private	Mar-12	12-Dec	9
American Capital Energy	Yardville Solar Farm	PSE&G	Hamilton	24	895	Operating	Private			2
American Capital Energy	William Stanley Business Park	Western Massachusetts Electric	c Cc Pittsfield	A PV	c-51	Operating	Private		2010	~
American Municipal Power	Napoleon Solar Facility	American Municipal Power	Napoleon	P2	62	Operating	Private		Sep-12	4
Arizona Public Service	Foothills Solar Plant	Arizona Briblic Sentra		Ad the second se		Operating	Private		1984	3
Aritona Public Servica	Prescott Solar Power Plant	Arizona Public Service	Prescott	M	55	Operating	Private	APF12	Apr-13	2
AstroSol	AstroSol Tech Park A2	Tucson Electric Power	Tucson	P	Thin-film	Operating	Private		May-12	~~~
Axio Power	Cascade Solar Park	Southern California 5 wholesale market	Bakersfield	5	Other	Operating	Private	2002	2009	5
Birdsette Renewable Energy	Marks Solar Farm	Progress Energy	Laurinburg	24	50	Onerating	Private		04 2011	
Bithenergy/Smart Energy Capital	UMMIS Solar Farm	UMMS	Somerset	2	ङ	Operating	Private		Apr-13	-
BYB KEREWOOR ERENEY HOLDINGS	BNB Napoleon Solar LLC Phase 1	Campbell Soup Company	Napoleon	2	50	Operating	Private		Jun-12	9
Borrego Solar	Edwards Air Force Base Solar Farm	Edwards Air Forme Rase			55	Operating	Private		Aug.13	9
Borrego Solar	Madera Community Hospital	Madera Community Hospital	Madera	2.3	8 9	Operating	Private		Feb-12	3
BP Solar	Long Island Solar Farm.	Long Island Power Authority	Brookhaven		15-3	Operating		2009	20102 Nove11	
BP Solar	Colorado State University, Puebio Solar Farm	Colorado State University, Pueb	lo Pueblo C	\$	c-5i	Operating			2009	×
let solar Cambra Edan Ensans	USMC 29 Paims	United States Marine Corps	Twentynine Palms	2	C-SI	Operating			2003	• • •
Cardina Solar Energy	Pearson county Arport	Progress Energy	Tmberlake	М	e5	Operating	Private		Aug-12	1
Cathartes Private Investments	HIR JEOC AUNO LICELA	Progress Energy Notional Cold	Person County N	2	6-SI	Operating	Private		Oct-11	T
Cenergy Power	Nickel 1 Solar Farm			2	5	Operating	Private	Aug-11	Apr-12	·····5
Chevron Technology Ventures	Questa	Kit Carson Electric Cooperative	Questa N	20	s é	Operating	Private	11-UN	21-JEM	2
Cleantech America Inc.	ColRENEW-1	Pacific Gas & Electric	Mendota	5	Other	Onerating	Private	900C	1102	-
Cogentrik	Alamosa Solar Genereting Project	Public Service Company of Color	rad Alamosa	2	ß	Operating	Private	60-11	CrueM	~ <u>\$</u>
Community Energy	Keystone Solar Project	Exelon Generation LLC/Wholesa	ile Lancaster County P	¥	c-5	Operating	Private	May-11	0d-12	9
Con Forson	Frenchtown I		Frenchtown	Z	<u>c-S</u>	Operating	Private		Q1 2012	
Con Edison	Shrewthur Salar Farm		Frenchtown	2	<u>~8</u>	Operating	Private		Q4 2011	m
Con Edison	Destmouth II	NCTAR	Dartmouth	M	3.1	Operating	Private		Q4 2012	3
Con Edison	Lebanon Solar	JCP&L	Glen Gardner N			Oneration	Delesto		04 2012	
Con Edison	Dartmouth Business Solar Park	NSTAR	Dartmouth M	P	23	Operating	Private		1102 10	,
Con Edison	Alcatel-Lucent Solar Farm	JCP&L	Murray Hill N	M	0.5	Operating			02 2011	7
Con Edison/Panda Energy	Pilesgrove Soler Project	Atlantic City Electric	Pileserove Townsh N	٨d	e.Si	Operating	Private		Aug-11	18
Contractory	Exercit-conergy solar Energy Center	Exelon Generation LLC	Fairless AUGS	2	C-5I	Operating	Private		2008	3
Cupartian Flartic	Mantelda Coler Starlan	HOlyoke Gas & Electric	Holyoke	M		Operating	Private	7/1/2011		5
Cupertino Electric	Strond Solar Station	PACIFIC SAS & RECITIC		2	<u>r-S</u>	Operating	Private		Sep-11	15
Cupertino Electric	Porterville Solar Plant	Southern California Editori	Contraction Valley			Operating	Private		Sep-11	8
Cupertino Electric	Kuron Solar Farm	Padilo Gas & Electric	Freeno	2		Operating	Private		Feb-11	5
Cupertino Electric		Pacific Gas & Electric	Huron	PV	551 551	Operating	Private		21-001	8 8
Cupertino Electric		Pacific Gas & Electric	Auron	2	c-Si	Operating	Private		Marta	2 5
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Ecos Energy	Vacture Solar Slavinn Solar	Veri Executic Power	Tucson	2	<u>c-Sl</u>	Operating	Private		Jon-13	13
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EDF Renewables	Bellevue Solar	Portiand General Electric	Yamhlii OI	Ne .	52	Onerating	Private		04-11 2-1 11	
EOF Renewables	Eastern Long Island Solar Project 1	Long Island Power Authority	N	٨d	ŝŝ	Operating	Private		2012	* *
EUE Renewables	Pecono Raceway Solar Facility		Lond Pond Py	۸ď		Operating	Private			, m
EDE Renewablet	Catallas Color Division	San Diego Gas & Electric	Kem County	<u>M</u>	c-S1	Operating	Private	L102/L/7	GLI 2013	8
EDF Renewabies	Belle Mead Solar Protect	Carrier Cintr	Rein County C	2 à	53	Operating	Private	1102/1//	Aug-13	8
Efficient Energy of Tennessee	a construction of the second se	Tennessee Valley Authority	Knox County Th		20	Oceretica	Private		DEC-09	7
Efficient Energy of Tennessee		Tennessee Valley Authority	Jackson Th	2	55	Onerating	Private		2010	
Enel Green Power	Stillwater Solar-Geothermal Plant	NV Energy	Fallon	24	55	Operating	Private		Darii	1
Energy Solutions LLC	Kent County Public Works Solar Array	Kent County Wastewater Facility	Kent	A	ş	Operating	Private		2011	
FCA Renewal Max	Southern vermont solar Array		Williamstown	24	<u>6-51</u>	Operating	Private		Mar-13	2
ESA Renewables	Martins Creek Solar Farm	Tennesses Valley Authonty	Biarrsville Gi	2		Operating	Private		2011	1
ESA Renewables	Murphy Farm	Tennessee Valley Authority	Culberson NC	23	8 9	Oremation	Private	·····	Mar-11	
ESA Renewables	Wingate Solar Farm	Tennessee Valley Authority	Murphy No	A	53	Oberating	Private		APPLIA	
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ebolar Fuene	Slerta SunTower	Southem California Edison	Antelope Valley CO	CSP	Power Tower	Operating	Private	2008	6007	5
Fine Fields	Sand Dava Cater Budger	Pachic Gas & Electric	Avenal	Z	3	Operating	Private		Aug-11	23
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First Solar	Alamogordo Solar Energy Center	PNM	Alamogordo	Nd	Thin-film	Operating	Private		Det-11	
First Solar	Cimarron I Solar Project	Tri-State Generation and Transm	is: Cimarron NN	PV	Yhin-Alm	Operating	Private		Dec.10	n 5
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First Solar	Albumarta Solar Plant Albumarta Solar Pantar	Arizona Public Service	Glia Bend	M	Thin-film	Operating	Private	Feb-11	Oct-13	17
First Solar	Las Vegas Solar Center	PNM	Lar Verse No.	A	Thin-film	Operating	Private		Apr-11	
First Solar	Mount SL Mary's University Solar Farm	University System of Maryland	Emmitsburg MC	2	The-Um	Operating	Private		TE-NON	2
First Solar	AV Solar Ranch One	Padfic Gas & Electric	Antelope Valley CA	2	Thin-Rum	Operating	Private	MacOg		
First Solar	Silver State North Solar Project	NV Energy	Primm	Å	Thin-film	Operating	Public		Mav-12	or,
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First Solar/Sempra Generation	El Dorado Energy Solar Project	Pacific Gas & Electric	Boulder City NV	M	Thinfilm	Operating	Private		Dec-08	8 5
Florida Power & Light Co.	Martin Next Generation Solar Energy Center	Florida Power & Light Co.	Martin County FL	8	Parabolic Trough	Operating	Private	2008	Dec-10	25

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GCL Poly- Solar Project Solutions	White River	Pacific Gas & Electric Bacific Gas & Electric	Tulare County	5 5	PV 0.5	Operating	Private	Nov-12	85	
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GDF Sues	Northfield Mountain Solar Farm		Northfield	MA	PV Thinklin	Operating	Private	102		
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Global Solar Energy Global Solar Energy	Springerville Generating Station Solar System Springerville Generating Station Solar System (expansion)	Tucson Electric Power Tucson Electric Power	Springerville	<u>४</u> व		Operating	Private	0102 0102	2	Ì
Green Energy Capital Partners	Pennsylvania Solar Park	Idd	Nesquehoning	Å	PV 0-51	Operating	Private	2010 Oct-12	9	T
Iberdrola	San Luis Valley Solar Banch	Xcel Energy	Alamosa County	8	PV 6-51	Operating	Private	IL-VON	30	
Inman Solar Phase 1	Chattandoga Metropolitan Arport Solar Farm Groud Biddas Solar Bidas	EPb/ Fennessee Valley Authority	Chattanooga	<u>z</u> =	PV CcSI	Operating	Private	Feb-12	1	
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Johnson Controls	Back River Wastewater Solar Farm	Back River Wastewater Treatme	nt Essex	Ŵ	PV C-51	Operating	Private	Apr-12	1	
Juwi solar inc.	Milford Solar Farm	Delaware Municipal Electric Cor	P. Kent	26	PV	Operating	Private	Nov-12	1	-
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itumi solar fac.	Blue Wine Solar Project	CPS Energy	San Antonio	ž	PV 52	Oberating	Private	01-von		1
Juwi Solar Inc.	Queen Creek Soler Farm	Salt River Project	Queen Creek	AZ	PV	Operating	Private	Oct-12	19	
Juwit solar Inc.	Mill Creek Solar Farm	PSE&G	Burlington Townsh	Z	PV C-SI	Operating	Private	Mar-12	4	Ţ
Juwi solar (nc.	Mars Chocolate Solar Farm	Mars Inc.	Henderson	AN.	201	Operating	Private	Feb-12		
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LADWP	Pline Tree Solar Project	Los Angeles Department of Wat	er Lone Pine	5	PV	Operating	Private	Mar-13	-	
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LightBeam Energy, Inc.	Gridley Solar Farm	Northern California Power Agen	o, Gridley	5	S-5	Operating	Public	Apr. 13	4	
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REC Solar	Kapaa Solar Farm	Kaua'l Island Utility Cooperative		H	٥٧. د-12	Operating	Private	Feb-11		
Recurrent Energy	Sunset Reservoir Solar Power System	Sunset Reservoir	San Francisco	5	<u>۷</u>	Operating	Private	Dec-10	4	
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Signal Energy	West Tennessee Solar Farm	Chickasaw Electric Coop./TVA	Haywood County	NL	(5-2)	Operating	Private	Mar-12	.4	
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Solar Design & Development	Upson County Solar Farm	Georgia Power	Upson County	GA	<u>۷</u>	Operating	Private	301-12	1	Π
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Sun Technics Kehner Scient	Robert O Schulz Solar Farm	South San Josquin Waler Treatr	mer Stantslaus County	2	~S	Operating	Private		2006	¥ -1
Three Phases and Green Rock Capital	Fort Carson Army Base	Fort Carson Army Base	Colorado Sprines		6-51 2-52	Operating	Private	Feb-11	2011	7
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Zongyl Solar America	Throw Falls Solar Farm	Wholesale Wassaignuseus Electing	Tinton Falls	- MA	CS1	Operating	Private	L1-YeM		2
	Washington Township Solar Array	Dayton Power and Light	Washington	K0	6-21	Operating	Private		2010	1
	Sundan1	Central Vermont Public Service	Sharon	22	52	Operating	Private		2010	5
	Agua Pennsylvania Pickering Solar Farm	Agus Pennsylvania	Phoenixville	PA V	50	Operating	Private		Apr-12	
	Dorchester Solar Site	National Grid	Suffolk	MA	5.15	Operating	Private		Apr-13	
Brinuteenergy	Mount Signal Solar Facm	SOG&E	Imperial Valley	2	<u>6-S1</u>	Under Construction	Private			200
Abengoa	Solana	Arizona Public Service	Gita Bend	2 2 2	Parabolic Trough	Under Construction	Public	2008		88
American Capital Energy	Searchlight Solar	NV Energy	Searchlight) A N	50	Under Construction	Private	2009		20
Argand Energy	Alroort Ground Solar 3	Progress Energy	Boston Johnston County	MA PV	20	Under Construction	Private			2
Arizona Public Service	Foothilds Solar Plant	Arizona Public Service	Yuma County	AZ PV		Under Construction	Public Public	Mar-12 An-12	·	2
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BlueChip Energy	Sorrento Eagle Dunes Solar Farm	Progress Energy Florida/SECO	Sorrento	FL PV	5-2	Under Construction	Private	Mar-11		~ 9
Borrego Solar Briehtfalde Aguelonment	Easthampton Landfill Solar Project	City of Easthampton	Easthampton	MA	<u>c-SI</u>	Under Construction	Private	Annotae fan i seaster an		1
BrightSource Energy	Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (SEGS) I	Padfic Gas & Electric	Barstow		Primer Towner	Under Construction	Private			-
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icidit Energy	East Providence Landfill Solar Array	Pactric Gas & Electric National Grid	East Providence	8 e	Power Tower	Under Construction	Public	2006		EE .
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First Solar	Topaz Solar Farm	Pacific Gas & Electric	Carrizo Plains	2	Thin-Blm	Under Construction	Private	Apr-06		18
First Solar	Desert Sunlight Concer Mountain 2	Southern California Edison	Desert Center	2	Thin film	Under Construction	Public	2006		550
First Solar	Imperial Solar Energy Center South	San Diego Gas & Electric	Imperial County	2		Under Construction Under Construction	Private	11-Mar		8
effist Solar	Campo Verde	sDG&E	Imperial County	5	Thin-film	Under Construction	Public/Private			601
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inman Solar	Canu Mettanooga Metropolitan Airport Solar Farm	EPB/Tennessee Valley Authority	s Oahu Chattanooza	E Z	6-51 6-51	Under Construction	Private			
k Road Solar	Moapa Solar Project	Los Angeles Department of Wate	er Clark County	NV PV	53	Under Construction	Public			5
tic Prover	Centinela Solar Energy Arthurton Vallau Color Booloot II	San Diego Gas & Electric	Imperial Valley	5	55	Under Construction	Public	2010		2
UNWUN	Agricenter international	Tennessee Valley Authority	Memohis	TN PV	89	Under Construction	Private	2008		8
New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization	Los Alamos County Landfill Solar Facility		Los Alamos	NM	53	Under Construction	Private			
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REE Austin Solar/Panasonic Enterprise Solutions	Pfluzerville Solar Power Plant	CPS Energy	San Antonio Pfilioanilla	2.8		Under Construction	Private			41
Sempra Generation	Copper Mountain 3	Los Angeles Department of Wate	er Boulder City	M NN	8 8	Under Construction	Private Drivate			8
Silicon Ranch	Simon Solar Farm	Georgia Power	Social Circle	6A PV	c-51	Under Construction	Private	Jan-12		3 8
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SunPower	AVSP	Southern California Edison	Rosamond	2	50	Under Construction	Private			8 8
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BlueChip Energy	Sorrento Eagle Dunes Solar Farm Expansion	Town of Greenfield	Greenfield	MA	PV	5-51 	Inder Development Inder Development	Private		6]
Boulder Solar Power, LLC	Rinehart Solar Farm Phase 2 Midland Solar Fararri Brainet	Progress Energy Florida	Sofrento Lake County		PV 00	53	Inder Development	Private	Jan-12	2	
BrightSource Energy BrightSource Energy	Covote Springs 1	Parific Gas & Elevera	Boulder City	NN.	PV	1	Inder Development Inder Development	Private		8	
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Dominion Resources		Indianapolis Power and Light		N	PV Thin	n n	nder Development	Private	10/12	e	
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Element Power	Wild Sands Solar Farm		Dorchester	MO	20	5	der Development	Private		200	
Element Power	Wildflower Green Energy Farm		Riverside Los Angeles	5	2	5	der Development	Private		15	Π
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lextera crergy resources	Mountain View Solar Blothe Solar Bruner Bruckets nt	NV Energy	Clark County	2 2	0.51	Under Development	Public		150	1
lextEra Energy Resources	Sonoran Solar Energy Project	Southern California Edison	Blythe Martenna County	5	5	Under Development	Public	2005	486	
textera Energy Resources textSun Energy	Beacon Solar Energy Project		Antinon administra	2 2	55	Under Development Under Development	Private	2007	80	
lorth Star Solar	North Star Power 1.	Pacific Gas & Electric	Bellingham Mendora	MA PV	5	Under Development	Private		250	ł
log Energy		San Diego Gas & Electric	San Olego County	≳ຂ 5 5	[53]	Under Development	Private		60	
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2 Energies	Montgomery Solar Wake Solar	Prograss Energy	Montgomery	NC PV	15-3	Under Development	Private Private			
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solic Solar Investments Inc.	Sunshine Solar Farm Amarena North Salar Project		Caconino County	× 3	35	Under Development Under Development	Private Private		10	
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tec Solar	Redhills Renewable Energy Park	City of Palo Alto	Stanislaus County	C PV	5-21	Under Development	Private	he-13	8	
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erado Power	Expressway 8	Southern California Edison	Victorville		65	Under Development	Private	Apr-12	5	ĺ
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Conditional Use Permit Application Lincoln County Planning and Inspections Department Zoning Administrator 302 N. Academy St., Suite A, Lincolnton, NC 28092 Phone: (704)736-8440 FAX: (704)732-9010

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Applicant Address 1119 US 15- SUI Sunth, Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Applicant Phone Number 919-960-6015 ex 125
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\$750 APPLICATION FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE PROCESSING. I hereby certify that all knowledge of the information provided for this application and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature Win

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Project Overview

Strata Solar plans to develop an approximately 5.0 (A/C)-megawatt photovoltaic ("PV") solar facility in western Lincoln County. The real property is being leased on a 20-year lease with two, 5-year options (at the lessee's option). The power generated is being sold to Duke Energy through a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA").

The solar facility is made up of approximately 26,000, 240-watt+- solar panels. The panels are generally rated to degrade at no more than 0.3% per year and have a useful life of at least 30 years. The panels are warranted to produce at 90% output at year 10 and 80% at year 25.

Strata Solar completed a similar projects in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, in December 2012. In 2013, approximately 9 similar projects have had construction begin. A number of similar projects are planned by Strata Solar in North Carolina for construction in 2013.

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APPLICANT'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Application No. CUP #321

Applicant Strata Solar, LLC

Applicant's Address 1119 US 15/501 Hwy. South, Chapel Hill, NC 27577

Property Location Tripple H Lane (PID# 19916 and 19888) Zoning District R-T, R-R

Proposed Conditional Use solar power generation facility (major utility)

PROPOSED FINDINGS

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan.

The facility will be designed and built to code. All components will be fenced in with chain link fencing. The facility will not produce any emissions or contain any hazardous materials.

2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications.

A solar power generation facility is a conditional use in the R-T and R-R districts. The plan meets the setback and streamside buffer requirements of the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance.

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity.

The facility will not produce any emissions or odors. It will not contain any hazardous materials. It will not generate significant noise or traffic.

4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.

The site is remotely located away from a main highway. The passive nature of this use fits in with this rural, agricultural and low-density residential area.

Map with Parcel Information



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Strata Solar plans large project in Lincoln County



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Strata Solar has filed proposals with N.C. regulators to build two more 5-megawatt solar projects in Duke Energy's service region, including one in Lincoln County.

After completing the <u>5-megawatt Kings Mountain Solar Farm last month</u>, Strata Chief Executive <u>Markus Wilhelm</u> said the company had financing in place for up to 10 more projects this year, adding 50 to 60 megawatts of solar capacity in the state.

Strata, based in Chapel Hill, has now submitted regulatory filings for six of <u>those projects</u>. The latest two — the H Creek Farm solar project in Howards Creek township in Lincoln County and the White Cross Farm project in Chapel Hill — are expected to be completed in December.

H Creek

Four of the projects are in Duke's service area — including a second in Kings Mountain scheduled to start construction next month. The other two are in Progress Energy's service area in eastern North Carolina.

The H Creek farm will be built on 44 acres at the end of Leonard Road. It will consist of 26,000 ground-mounted panels and will cost about \$22.5 million to build, Strata says. It is expected to produce about 9 million kilowatt hours per year — enough to power about 600 average homes.

Strata plans to sell the power to Duke. Under state law, the power from such a project must be sold to the local utility. The utility has to buy the power, but it does not have to buy the renewable-energy credits produced by the project.

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Strata has not said who will buy the credits, which allow utilities to meet the state's requirements for producing some of the power they sell from renewable resources.

Duke may ultimately buy the credits. But it does not comment on such purchase until a deal has been closed.

The White Cross Farm has essentially the same specs, and will be built on about 120 acres on White Cross Road in Chapel Hill.

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA 302 NORTH ACADEMY STREET, SUITE A, LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28092

PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT 704-736-8440 OFFICE 704-732-9010 FAX

To: Alex Patton, Board of Commissioners Chairman George Wood, County Manager Jeff Frushtick, Planning Board Chairman

From: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator

Date: May 18, 2012

Re: CUP #314 Strata Solar, LLC, applicant Parcel ID# 10383

The following information is for use by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board at their joint meeting/public hearing on June 4, 2012.

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to establish a solar power generation facility in the R-R (Rural Residential) district. A site plan is included as part of the application. Under the Unified Development Ordinance, an electrical generation facility is classified as a major utility, and a major utility is a conditional use in the R-R district.

SITE AREA AND DESCRIPTION

The proposed 48-acre site is located at 5531 W. NC 27 Hwy., about 2,000 feet south of the intersection of N.C. 27 and Hebron Church Road, in North Brook Township. It is surrounded by property zoned R-R. Land uses in this area are primarily residential and agricultural. The Lincoln County Land Use Plan designates this area as Rural Preservation, suitable for low-density residential uses and limited commercial and/or industrial uses that are suited for and blend in well with rural environments.

LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON FINDINGS OF FACT FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Applicatio	on #	CUP #314	Date	June 4, 2012
Applicant Name		Strata Solar, LLC		
Applicant	Address	1119 US 15/501 Highway South, Chapel	Hill, NC	27577
Property I	Location	5531 W. NC 27 Hwy. (PID# 10383)	Zoning	District <u>R-R</u>
Proposed Conditional Use solar power generation facility (major utility)				
		FINDINGS OF FACT		
1.	The use will according to	not materially endanger the public health or safety if locat plan. YES	ted where pr NO	roposed and developed
	FACTUAL I	REASON CITED:		
2.	The use mee	ts all required conditions and specifications.	YES	NO
	FACTUAL I	REASON CITED:		
3.	The use will YES	not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting NO	property ur	less the use is a public necessity
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4.	The location the area in w YES FACTUAL 1	and character of use, if developed according to the plan as hich it is to be located and will be in general conformity w NO	s submitted a with the Land	and approved, will be in harmony with I Use Plan for the area in question.
After having listed herein,	held a Public the following	Hearing on action was taken by the Lincoln County Planning Board:		and in light of the Findings of Facts
In recommen	ding such Co	nditional Use Permit, the following conditions were recom	mended by	the Lincoln County Planning Board:



Conditional Use Permit Application

Lincoln County Planning and Inspections Department Zoning Administrator 302 N. Academy St., Suite A, Lincolnton, NC 28092 Phone: (704)736-8440 FAX: (704)732-9010

PART I

Applicant Name Strata Solar, LLC

Applicant Address 1119 US 15/501 Highway South, Chapel Hill, NC 27577

Applicant Phone Number 919-960-6015

Property Owner Name <u>Carroll Dean and Wayne Edward Mitchem</u>

Property Owner Address 5531 West NC Highway 27, North Brook, NC

Property Owner Phone Number

PART II

Property Location South Hebron Church Road and NC Highway 27

Property ID (10 digits) 2655-73-1951 Property size 46.1 ac

Parcel # (5 digits) _103B3 ____ Deed Book(s) _1690 ____ Page(s) _688

PART III

Existing Zoning District _____

Briefly describe how the property is being used and any existing structures. The property is currently agricultural land with vacant residential

structures on the property.

Briefly explain the proposed use and/or structure which would require a Conditional Use Permit.

The proposed use is a ground mounted solar power generation facility.

\$750 APPLICATION FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE PROCESSING.

I hereby certify that all knowledge of the information provided for this application and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Project Overview

Strata Solar plans to develop a 6.25-megawatt photovoltaic ("PV") solar facility in western Lincoln County. The real property is being leased on a 20-year lease with two, 5-year options (at the lessee's option). The power generated is being sold to Duke Energy through a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA").

The solar facility is made up of approximately 26,000, 240-watt+- solar panels. The panels are generally rated to degrade at no more than 0.3% per year and have a useful life of at least 30 years. The panels are warranted to produce at 90% output at year 10 and 80% at year 25.

Strata Solar completed a similar project in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, in December 2012. A number of similar projects are planned or are being constructed now by Strata Solar in North Carolina.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Application No. CUP #314

Applicant Strata Solar, LLC

Applicant's Address 1119 US 15/501 Hwy. South, Chapel Hill, NC 27577

Property Location 5531 W. NC 27 Hwy. (Parcel ID# 10383) Zoning District R-R

Proposed Conditional Use solar power generation facility (major utility)

PROPOSED FINDINGS

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan.

The site will be remotely located away from public rights of way. The facility will be designed and built to code. All components will be fenced in with chain link fencing. The facility will not produce any emissions or contain any hazardous materials.

2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications.

A solar power generation facility is a conditional use in the R-R district. The plan meets the setback and streamside buffer requirements of the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance.

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity.

The facility will not produce any emissions or odors. It will not contain any hazardous materials. It will not generate significant noise or traffic.

4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.

The site is remotely located away the public highway. The passive nature of this use fits in with this rural, agricultural area. The Land Use Plan designates this area as Rural Preservation and encourages limited commercial uses that are suited for and blend in well with rural environments.



Map with Legend

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OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT [Consult "Guidelines" (Standard Porm 2G) for guidance in completing this form]

For valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Buyer offers to purchase and Seiler upon acceptance agrees to sell and convey the Property on the terms and conditions of this Offer To Purchase and Contract and any addendum or modification made in accordance with its terms (together the "Contract").

1. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS: The terms listed below shall have the respective meaning given them as set forth adjacent to each term.

(a) "Seller":	Daniel D Mcl	ean, Jr, Martha H MoLe	n	
(b) "Buyer";	David Rib	ben, Christina Hibben		
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City:	Denver		Zip:	28037
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County: _______, North Carolina NOTE: Governmental authority over taxes, zoning, school districts, utilities and mall delivery may differ from address shown.

Legal Description: (Complete ALL applicable)

Plat Reference: Lot/Unit, H	Block/Section	, Subdivision	Condominium <u>Non</u>	e
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Other description: Quinn Hmst Rd 13'	76 Quinn Parcel	1D#31546		
Some or all of the Property may be describe	d in Deed Book	4615	at Page	17 7

(d) "Purchase Price":

\$ 200,000.00	paid in U.S. Dollars upon the following terms;
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\$. 500.00	BY INITIAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT made payable to Escrow Agent named
	in Paragraph 1(f) IX with this offer OR [] delivered within five (5) days of the
	Effective Date of this Contract by a cash personal check official bank check
	wire transfer.
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	named in Paragraph 1(f) by cash or inimediately available funds such as official bank
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	regard to said date.
\$	BY ASSUMPTION of the unpaid principal balance and all obligations of Seller on the
	existing loan(s) secured by a deed of trust on the Property in accordance with the attached
	Loan Assumption Addendum (Standard Form 2A6-T).
\$ 170,000,00	BY SELLER FINANCING in accordance with the attached Seller Financing Addendum
	(Standard Form 2A5-T).
\$ 	BY BUILDING DBPOSIT in accordance with the attached New Construction Addendum
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Should Buyer fail to deliver either the Due Diligence Pee or any Initial Barnest Money Deposit by their duo dates, or should any check or other funds paid by Buyer be dishonored, for any reason, by the institution upon which the payment is drawn, Buyer shall have one (1) banking day after written notice to deliver cash or immediately available funds to the payce. In the event Buyer does not innely deliver cash or immediately available funds, Seller shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to Durate the sector of the Buyer.

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(c) "Barnest Money Deposit": The Initial Bornest Money Deposit, the Additional Bannest Money Deposit and any other earnest monies paid in connection with this transaction, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Barnest Money Deposit", shall be deposited and held in escrow by Baccow Agent until Closing, at which time it will be credited to Buyer, or until this Contract is otherwise terminated. In the event: (1) this offer is not accepted; or (2) a condition of any resulting contract is not satisfied, then the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. In the event of breach of this Contract by Seller, the Harnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Boyer upon Buyer's request, but such return aball not affect any other remedies available to Buyer for such breach. In the event of breach of this Contract by Buyer, the Barnest Money Deposit shall be paid to Seller upon Seller's request as liquidated damages and as Seller's solo and exclusive remedy for such breach, but without limiting Seller's rights under Paragraphs 4(d) and 4(o) for damage to the Property or Seller's right to retain the Das Dillgence Pee. It is acknowledged by the parties that payment of the Barnest Money Deposit to Seller in the event of a breach of this Contract by Buyer is compensatory and not punktive, such amount being a reasonable estimation of the actual loss that Seller would neur as a result of such breach. The payment of the Barnest Mouey Deposit to Seller shall not constitute a penalty or forfeiture but actual compensation for Seller's autolpated loss, both paties acknowledging the difficulty determining Seller's actual damages for such breach. If logal proceedings are brought by Bayar or Soller against the other to recover the Barnest Money Deposit, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney fees and court costs incoured in connection with the proceeding.

(f) "Escrow Agent" (insert name):__ Coldwell Banker United

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NOTE: In the event of a dispute between Seller and Buyer over the disposition of the Barnest Money Deposit held in escrete, a licensed real estate broker ("Broker") is required by state law (and Escrow Agent, if not a Broker, hereby agrees) to retain the Barnest Money Deposit in the Escrew Agent's trust or escrew account until Escrew Agent has obtained a written release from the paules consenting to its disposition or until disbursement is ordered by a court of compstent judsdiction. Alternatively, if a Broker or an attorney licensed to practice law in North Catolina ("Attorney") is holding the Barnest Money Deposit, the Broker or Altorney may deposit the disputed monies with the appropriate clerk of court in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. \$93A-12.

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT A REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE FIRM ACTING AS ESCROW AGENT MAY PLACE THE BARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IN AN INTEREST BRARING TRUST ACCOUNT AND THAT ANY INTEREST BARNED THEREON SHALL BE DISBURSED TO THE ESCROW AGENT MONTHLY IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY MAINTAINING SUCH ACCOUNT AND RECORDS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

(g) "Effective Date": The date that: (1) the last one of Bayer and Seller has signed or initialed this offer or the final counteroffer, if any, and (2) such signing or initialing is communicated to the party making the offer or counteroffer, as the case may be,

(h) "Due Diligenco": Buyer's opportunity during the Due Diligence Period to Investigate the Property and the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including but not necessarily ilumited to the matters described in Paragraph 4 below, to decide whether Buyer, in Buyer's sole discretion, will proceed with or terminate the transaction.

(1) "Due Dillgence Fes": A negotiated amount, if any, paid by Buyer to Seller with this Contract for Buyer's right to conduct Due Diligence during the Due Diligence Period, R shall be the property of Seller upon the Rifective Date and shall be a credit to Buyer at Closing. The Due Diligence Fee shall be non-refundable except in the event of a material breach of this Contract by Seller, or if this Contract is terminated under Paragraph 8(1) or Paragraph 12, or as otherwise provided in any addendum hereto, Buyer and Seiter each expressly waive any right that they may have to dony the right to conduct Due Dillgence or to assett any defense as to the enforceability of this Contract based on the abzence or alleged insufficiency of any Due Dillgence Fee, it being the intent of the parties to create a legally binding contract for the purchase and sale of the Property without regard to the existence or amount of any Dua Diligence Fee.

(i) "Due Diligonce Period": The period begiming on the Effective Date and extending through 5:00 p.m. on Auguat 23, 2019 TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE with regard to said date.

(k) "Settlement": The proper execution and delivery to the closing attorney of all documents accessary to complete the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including the deed, settlement statement, deed of trust and other loan or conveyance documents, and the closing allomey's receipt of all funds necessary to complete such insisaction.

(i) "Sottloment Date": The parties agree that Settlement will take place on August 29, 2013 (the "Selfiement Dato"), unless otherwise agreed in writing, at a time and place designated by Buyer.

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ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

- 1. The owner of record is assumed to have a free and clear fee simple title with no encumbrances that connot be cleared through normal channels.
- The information on which this appraisal is based on has been obtained from sources normally used by FRED H. BECK & ASSOCIATES, LLC and is considered to be reliable, but is in no sense guaranteed. 2.
- 3. The information furnished by others is believed to be reliable. No warranty is given for its accuracy.
- 4. FRED H. BECK & ASSOCIATES, LLC reserves the right to alter its opinions of value on the basis of information withheld or not discovered in the normal course of a diligent investigation.
- The appraiser assumes no responsibility for the legal description or matters of a legal nature affecting the property or the title thereto. The appraiser does not render any opinion as to title, which is assumed 5.
- to be good and marketable. 6. Responsible ownership and competent property management are assumed.
- 7. It is assumed that there is full compliance with all applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations and laws unless noncompliance is stated, defined ond considered in the appraisal report.
- It is assumed that all applicable zoning and use regulations and restrictions have been complied with, unless a nonconformity has been stated, defined and considered in the appraisal report. 8.
- It is assumed that all required licenses, certificates of occupancy, consents or other legislative or odministrative authority from any local, state or national government or private entity or organization 9. have been or can be obtained or renewed for any use on which the value estimate contained in this
- 10. The appraiser is not required to give testimony or appear in court because of having made this report is based. oppraisal with reference to the property in question, unless arrangements have been previously made therefore. The fee charged for this appraisal does not include payment for court testimony or for further consultation.
- 11. No opinion of an engineering nature is intentionally expressed or implied and no responsibility is assumed for matters of this nature.
- 12. No survey was made especially for this appraisal. Property lines, area, etc., of record or otherwise provided, are assumed to be correct.
- 13. No engineering survey has been made by the appraiser. Except as specifically stated, size and area were taken from sources considered reliable and no encroachment of real property improvements is
- assumed to exist. 14. Maps, plats and exhibits are for illustration only as an aid in visualizing matters discussed within the report. They should not be considered as surveys or relied upon for any other purpose.
- 15. It is assumed that there are no hidden or unapparent conditions of the property, subsoil or structures that render it more or less valuable. No responsibility is assumed for such conditions or for arranging for
- engineering studies that may be required to discover them. 16. No opinion is expressed as to the value of subsurface oil, gos or mineral rights. The property is not subject to surface entry for the exploration or removal of such materials except as is expressly stated.
- 17. Disclosure of the contents of the appraisal is governed by the Bylaws and Regulations of the professional organizations with which FRED H. BECK & ASSOCIATES, LLC is affiliated.
- 18. Acceptance of and/or use of this report constitutes acceptance of these assumptions and limiting
- conditions. 19. This report is intended to comply with the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Appraisal practice of the Appraisal Institute. It is further intended to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and the guidelines set forth by the Financial Institution's Report, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA).

LIMITING CONDITIONS

- 1. Possession of this report, or a copy, does not carry with it the right of publication.
- Neither all nor any part of the contents of this report (especially any conclusions as to value, identity of the appraisers or firm with which they are connected or any reference to the Appraisal Institute or the MAI or SRA designations) shall be disseminated to the public through the advertising media or any other public means of communication without the prior written consent and approval of FRED H. BECK & ASSOCIATES, LLC and the signatories of the report. Acceptance of and/or use of this report constitutes acceptance of these restrictions.
- 3. The distribution, if any, of the total valuation in this report between land and improvements applies only under the stated program of utilization. The separate allocations for land and buildings must not be used in conjunction with any other appraisal and are invalid if so used.
- 4. The forecasts, projections or operating estimates contained herein are based upon current market conditions, anticipated short term supply and demand factors and a continued stable economy. These forecasts are, therefore, subject to changes in future conditions.
- 5. Load bearing capacity of subsoil is assumed to be odequate for the present utilization, but no borings or engineering studies have been made especially for this appraisal and the value conclusion could be affected by such information.
- 6. We have not been supplied with building plans and specifications, site plans, surveys or occupancy permits. No responsibility or representation is assumed or made for any costs associated with obtaining same for any deficiencies discovered before or after they are obtained.
- 7. We have personally inspected the subject property and found no obvious evidence of structural deficiencies except as stated in this report; however, no responsibility for hidden defects or conformity to specific governmental requirements, such as fire, building and safety or occupancy codes, can be assumed without provision of specific professional or governmental inspections.
- 8. No termite inspection report was made available. We personally inspected the subject property and found no significant evidence of termite damage or infestation.
- 9. Unless otherwise stated in this report, we make no representation or warranties as to the adequacy or condition of appliances, electrical systems, plumbing and heating, air conditioning, presence of insulation, adequacy or condition of structural systems or any other subsystem within the property. We assume no responsibility for any costs incurred to discover or correct any deficiencies present in the property.
- 10. Unless otherwise stated, no consideration in the valuation process has been given mineral deposits (oil, gas, coal, gravel, etc.) or timber, if any, that may be found on the subject.
- 11. Unless otherwise stated in this report, the existence of hazardous material, which may or may not be present on the property, was not observed by the appraiser. The appraisers, however, are not qualified to detect such substances. The presence of substances such as asbestos, urea-formaldehyde foam insulation or other potentially hazardous materials may affect the value of the property. The value estimate is predicated on the assumption that there is no such material on or in the property that would cause a loss in value. No responsibility is assumed for any such conditions or for any expertise or engineering knowledge required to discover them. The client is urged to retain an expert in this field, if desired.
- 12. On January 26, 1992, The Americans with Disobilities Act (ADA) took effect. This report has not considered this act and the impact it may have on the subject with respect to renovation cost and general compliance. Should a report be provided which indicates a possible renovation, we reserve the right to amend this report.
- 13. The appraisers have prepared this report in compliance with the competency provision explicitly detailed in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisol Practice (USPAP). The appraisers are fully experienced in the appraisal of this product type (see Qualifications).



North Carolina Appraisal Board

FRED H. BECK, JR.

having satisfied the North Caenlina Appeaisal Board regarding the qualifications to practice as a General Real Estate Appeaiser in this State and having complied with the requirements prescribed by law, is hereby certified as a

> State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser

Given under and by virtue of the provisions of Article 1 Chapter 93E of the General Statutes of North Carolina, I hereunto set my hand and seal of the North Carolina Appraisal Board at Kaleigh on the date below shown:



This certificate shall expire on the 30th day of June following the date shown below unless renewed prior to expiration.

APRIL 5, 1991

A. Melton Black, Jr. Executive Director

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Certificate No. A7697



North Carolina Appraisal Board GEOFFREY A. ZAWTOCKI

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FEB 7, 2013

Donald T. Rodgers_ Executive Director



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QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPRAISER FRED H. BECK, JR., MAI, CCIM, MRICS

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Degree - Appalachian State University, Boone, NC Business Administration

Completed The Appraisal Institute Courses:

- Course 1A Real Estate Appraisal Principles
- Course 1B Capitalization Theory and Techniques
- Course 11 Urban Properties
- Course IV Litigation
- Standards of Professional Practice Part A and B

Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute:

- C1101 Financial Analysis for Commercial Real Estate
- C1201 Market Analysis for Commercial Real Estate
- C1404 Tax Planning for Commercial Real Estate

EXPERIENCE

- Formed Fred H. Beck & Associates, LLC November 5, 1994
- Formed Stout-Beck & Associates, Inc. July 1987
- Appraising real estate since 1973
- Principal of Beck Advisors, LLC Charlotte, N.C. (September 2007 Present)
- Principal and Broker In Charge of Torquay Realty, LLC Charlotte, N.C. (August 2008 Present)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, The Appraisal Institute (MAI #7073)
- Member, Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute (CCIM #5568)
- State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, North Carolina Certificate No. A1329
- State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, South Carolina Certificate No. CG1117
- State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, Georgia Certificate No. 2627
- State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, Virginia License No. 4001 013461
- State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, Tennessee License ID No. 3523
- Real Estate Brokers License, North Carolina No. 26399
- Real Estate Brokers License, South Carolina No. 2713
- Real Estate Brokers License, Georgia No. 216546
- Real Estate Brokers License, Tennessee No. 311532
- Member, North Carolina National Association of Realtors
- Member, Charlotte Region Commercial Board of Realtors
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QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPRAISER GEOFFREY A. ZAWTOCKI

FRED H. BECK & ASSOCIATES, LLC 8924 Blakeney Professional Drive Charlotte, NC 28277

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration– Duke University, Durham, N.C. (May 2003) Bachelor of Engineering– Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. (May 1995) Engineering Sciences

Triangle Appraisal & Real Estate School:

Basic Appraisal Principles Basic Appraisal Procedures Residential Market Analysis and Highest & Best Use USPAP

Appraisal Institute:

General Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use General Appraiser Sales Comparison Approach General Appraiser Income Approach Parts I & II General Appraiser Report Writing & Case Studies Real Estate Finance, Statistics, and Valuation Modeling

Certified Commercial Investment Member Institute:

CI-101 - Financial Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate CI-102 - Market Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate CI-103 - User Decision Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate CI-104 - Investment Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate

EXPERIENCE

Fred H. Beck & Associates, LLC - Charlotte, N.C.

• Staff Appraiser and Market Consultant (April 2010- Present) Fortenberry Lambert, Inc. – Charlotte, N.C.

Staff Appraiser and Market Consultant (August 2009 - April 2010)

- Warren & Associates Charlotte, N.C.
 - Market Cansultant (July 2006 June 2009)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, North Carolina Certificate No. A7697
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MARY MCCLINTON CLAY, MAI 218 Main Street Paris, Kentucky 40361 859-987-5698

September 3, 2021

Senator Paul Hornback Chairman Agriculture Committee 702 Capital Avenue Frankfort, KY 40601-3415

Dear Senator Hornback:

My name is Mary McClinton Clay and I am a real estate appraiser from Paris, Kentucky specializing in eminent domain and environmental damage studies.

As requested, I am attaching a summary chart of examples of diminution in property value as a result of proximity to utility scale solar farms.

I have documented these case studies in a report entitled "A Summary of Solar Energy Generation Power Systems (Solar Farm) Damage Studies as of May 25, 2021," which I prepared for the Clark Coalition for a hearing before the Clark County Planning Commission on May 25, 2021. The report summarizes peer review journal articles, professional appraiser's reports, and solar developer's neighbor agreements, as summarized on the attached chart.

I have also documented additional examples of value diminution in four recent reviews of Impact Studies prepared by appraisers for solar developers as part of their applications to the Kentucky Siting Board.

In addition to five previously published studies, indicating property decline of up to -20.0 percent, four case studies, prepared by my office, are included.

The North Branch, MN case study analyzes a developer buy-out of 7 abutting properties purchased by North Star Solar. The sale-resale analysis compares the sale prior to and after the purchase by the developer. The data indicates a property decline of -6.3 to -28.0 percent with an average and median decline of -17.0 percent.

The McBride Place solar farm case study from Midland N.C. includes the analysis of single family sale-resales indicating value declines ranging from -15.5 to -16.8 percent.

The Sunshine Farms case study analyzes 13 single family lots from a subdivision that abuts a solar farm in Grandy, N.C. The sales that adjoin the solar farm sold for -15.5 percent less than the lots that did not abut, despite a required 300.0 foot set back from the rear property line.

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The Spotsylvania Solar case examines single family lot sales before and after the announcement of the 6,350 acre 617 MW solar facility. The adjoining sales sold for -30.00 percent less than those not abutting the solar farm.

Solar developers use "Neighbor Agreements" to limit local opposition to their solar farms. The Western Mustang Solar Agreement consists of a monetary offer of \$17,000 to adjacent property owners to not oppose their solar farm

The Lighthouse BP Neighbor Agreement offers \$5,000 to \$50,000 to adjacent property owners depending on proximity to the solar farm.

The Posey Solar, LLC agreement offer is equal to 10.0 percent of appraised value for neighbors within 300 feet of the solar field, plus an annual \$1,000 payment, or \$35,000 for the life of the project. Apparently, Posey Solar considers any property within 300.00 feet of a solar farm to be at risk of value decline.

These payments are significant because the developers' own appraisers have determined that solar farms will have no adverse impact on adjacent property values. However, the payments can only be interpreted as a tacit admission of value impairment.

The evidence to date, indicates the need for a more robust and comprehensive analysis of the effect of utility scale solar farms on property values than that presented by solar developers; and prior to the approval of additional solar farms in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Mary McClinton Clay, MAI

SUMMARY OF INDICATED VALUE DECLINE

DATE	STUDY	RESULT
2018	University	Assessor survey respones ranged from value impact of zero
	of Texas	to estimation of negative impact associated with close
		distance between the homes and the facility, and
		impact increased with increased size of the solar plant.
2020	University	Average decline within 3.0 mile radius was -1.7%, or \$5,671.
	of Rhode Island	Average decline within 0.1 mile was -7.0%, or \$23,682.
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		properties in very close proximity."
2013	Fred H, Beck &	Strata Solar Case Study: Potential Purchasers cancel contract
	Associates, LLC	upon learning of the solar facility.
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		Clay County Case Study: Lot sales stopped after announce-
		ment of solar plant. Clay County Board of Equalization
		reduced affected property assessments -30.0%.
		Non-residential Use View Impariment Study: Adjacent
		incompatible use adversly impacted nearby properties -10.7%
		to -25.1%, or an average of -15.2%.
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		AM Best Solar Farm Study: No diminution in value due to
		pre-existing industrial zoning for solar farm.
2020	Mark W.	Adams County, PA View Case Study: The loss of view results in
	Heckman, R.E.	a -15% to -20.0% loss in value.
	Appraisers	
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2019	Madison County	Potential purchaser offered -16.43 % less than
	Indiana	appraised value upon learning of the proposed solar plant.

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DATE	STUDY	RESULT			
2021	Mary McClinton	North Star Solar Case Study (MN): An Analysis of the 7 adjoining			
	Clay, MAI	properties purchased by North Star PV, LLC. A sale-resale			
		analysis of the sale prior to and subsequent to the purchase			
		by the solar developer. The sale-resales indicate a range of			
		diminution from -6.3% to -28.0% with a median decline of			
		of -16.9% and an average decline of -16.8%.			
2021	Mary McClinton	McBride Place Solar Farm Case Study (NC): Analysis of 3 sale-			
	Clay, MAI	resales and a comparison of the sale price and tax assessment.			
		The sale-resales indicate -15.65%, -15.51% and -16.44 percent			
		diminution in value. The sale price/tax assessment indicates			
		a -16.81% loss of value.			
2021	Mary McClinton	Sunshine Farms Case Study (NC): Analysis of 13 vacant single			
	Clay, MAI	family lot sales from a subdivision that abutts a solar farm. The			
		sales that adjoin the solar farm sold for -15.5% percent less than			
		the lots that did not abutt the solar farm.			
2021	Mary McClinton	Spotsylvania Solar Case Study (VA): Analysis of 5 vacant single			
	Clay, MAI	family lot sales from a section of Fawn Lake Subdivision that is			
		adjacent to the solar farm. The lots that adjoin the solar farm			
		sold for -30.0% less than those that did not adjoin.			
2020	Western Mustang	Monetary offer of \$17,000 to adjacent property owners to			
	Neighbor Agreem't	quel opposition to the proposed solar facility.			
2020	Lighthouse BP	Monetary offer of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to adjacent property			
	Neighbor	owners depending on proximity to the solar facility to quel			
	Agreement	opposition.			
2021	Posey Solar, LLC	Monetary offer equal to 10% of appraised value for neighbors			
	Neighbor	within 300 feet of the solar field, plus an annual \$1.000			
· · · · · ·	Agreement	payment (\$35,000 for project life).			

MARY MCCLINTON CLAY PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Mary McClinton Clay, MAI 218 Main Street, Paris, KY 40361 859-987-5698/Cell: 859-707-5575 mclayky@bellsouth.net

Market Area: Commonwealth of Kentucky

Primary Practice Focus: Litigation and zoning support with an emphasis on damage studies, including environmental and eminent domain.

Appraisal Experience:

1985 to Present: Self-employed - engaged in commercial, industrial and farm valuation. 1979-1984: Employed by Realty Research - engaged primarily in income property appraisal. 1976-1979: Residential appraisal experience with fee appraisers.

Previous assignments include: Eastern State Hospital; Gateway Shopping Center; Lakeside Heights Nursing Home, N. KY; L&N Office Building, Louisville; Alltech Biotechnology Center, Nicholasville, Paris Stockyards; Conrad Chevrolet, Lexington; CSX Rail Yards in Mt. Sterling and Paris; First Baptist Church, Cold Spring; Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home, Paris; Feasibility Study of proposed Hamburg Place Office/Industrial Park, Lexington; Rent Analysis of IRS Service Center, Covington; Surtech Coating, Nicholasville; Clem Refrigerated Warehouse, Lexington; Bluegrass Manufacturing, Lexington; Finley Adhesives, Louisville; Central Manufacturing and Central Light Alloy, Paris; Review Appraisal of Rand McNally Plant, Versailles and Timberland Distribution, Danville; Old Scott County Jail; Millspring Battlefield; Truck Terminals, Fast Food Restaurants, Retail Centers, Lumber Mills, Car Wash, Multi-Family Residential, Mobile Home Parks, Convenient Stores and Subdivision Analyses.

Thoroughbred Horse Farms including Pin Oak Farm, Bunker Hunt Farms, Pillar Stud Farms, Elmendorf Farm, Summer Wind Farm, Hidaway Farm, Stoner Creek Stud, Runnymede Farm, Wilshire Farm, Lynnwood Farms, Stonereath Farm, Idle Hour Farm, Canefield Farm, Elk Creek Farm, Lochness Farm, Stoneleigh Farm, Elizabeth Station Farm.

Right of Way Experience: Rose Street Extension, Lexington, 1986-87; AA Highway: Greenup Co., 1989, Carter Co., 1990-91; U.S. 27 Campbell Co. 1991-1992, 1993; Bridge Realignment, Walton, 1992; Industry Rd, Louisville, 1993; 19th St. Bridge, Covington, 1994; U.S. 27, Alexandria, 1994; S. Main St., London, 1995; Paris Pike, Paris and Bourbon County, 1995-98; KY Hwy 22 at I-75, Dry Ridge, 1996; Bridge Projects on KY Hwy 19, Whitley County, 1997; US 150, Danville, 1998; US 460 Morgan Co., 1999; US 62 South, Georgetown, 2000; Bluegrass Pkwy and KY 27 Interchange, Anderson Co., 2001; KY 519, Rowan County, 2002; US 641, Crittenden County, 2005; US 25, Madison County, 2008-09; US 68, Bourbon County, 2009-10; Clark County, 2011; US 68 Millersburg By-pass, Bourbon County, 2012-13; US 119, Bell County, 2014-15; US 25, Madison County, 2016-17; Excess Land, Georgetown By-pass, 2020; Access Break, Industrial Drive, Lebanon, 2020.

Railroad Right of Way Experience: CSX in Floyd, Perry, Clark, Woodford, Franklin, Montgomery, Johnson, Magoffin, Breathitt, Fayette, Madison, Mason, and Bourbon Counties, 1987-2016.

Rails to Trails: Rowan County, 2005; Montgomery County, 2009, Franklin County, 2014; Floyd County, 2016.
MARY MCCLINTON CLAY PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Environmental Damage Studies: Yellow Creek Concerned Citizens v. Middlesboro Tannery: effect of tannery contamination on 350 properties along Yellow Creek, Bell County, KY, 1988; James E. Sullivan, et al v. Board of Regents, et al: effect of Animal Waste Fermentation Project at the Organic Pasteurization Plant at North Farm of Murray State University on Sullivan's Executive Par 3 Golf Course and Sports Center, Murray, KY, 2003; West Farm Subdivision, Pulaski County: effect of contamination of groundwater from underground storage of dry cleaning solvents on residential lot values, 2004; Gene Nettles, et al v. Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet: Division of Water, David Morgan, Director and J.P. Amberg Hog Farm: Diminution of Value Analysis As a Result of Proximity to Hog Facilities in Daviess, Warren, Calloway, Graves, Hickman and Carlisle Counties, Kentucky, 2006; Terry Powell, et al v. Tosh, et al: Diminution of Value Analysis as a Result of Proximity to Hog CAFOs in Marshall County, KY, 2007; City of Versailles v. Prichard Farm Partnership, Ltd,: effect of sewage treatment pump station and ancillary easements upon Woodford County cattle farm, 2008; Kentucky Utilities Company v. James and Mary Jent, CDH Preserve, LLC and Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, FLC, Violet Monroe: the effect of High Voltage Transmission Lines on three Hardin County agricultural properties, 2011; Terrence G. Kerschner, et al v. Burley Oil Company, et al: the effect of Leaking Underground Gasoline Tanks on Country Lane Estates, Frankfort, KY, 2013; Jerry Whitson v. Donnie Cross: effect of Drainage Encroachment upon Adjacent Property, 2013; the effect of Cell Tower on Bourbon County Farm, 2014; Steve D. Hubbard v. Prestress Services Industries, LLC: effect of Fugitive Particulate Emissions upon a Single Family Dwelling, 2016; Henderson City-County Airport v. Mary Janet Williams, et. al.: the effect of Proximity of a Regional General Aviation Airport on Agricultural Values, 2019; Patricia Kushino, et al v. Federal Aviation Administration, et al: the effect of Stormwater Drainage on Woodland Value, 2021.

Additional Damage Studies:

Faulty Construction: 172 Post Oak Road, Paris, KY; 152 Cross Creek Drive, Paris, KY; Hartland Subdivision, Lexington, KY Flood Damage: 208 Cary Lane, Elizabethtown, KY

Blasting Damage: Chicken Farm, Tolesboro KY

Super Fund Sites: KY Wood Preserving, Inc., Winchester, KY; River Metals Recycling, Somerset, KY

Expert Witness: Circuit Courts of Bourbon, Carter, Fayette, Franklin, Hardin, Laurel and Woodford Counties

Court Testimony:

Laurel Circuit Court: Yellow Creek Concerned Citizens v. Middlesboro Tannery, 1995. Franklin County Circuit Court: Richard McGehee v. Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 2008; Terrence G. Kerschner, et al v. Burley Oil Company, et al, 2014.

Hardin County Circuit Court: Richard McGehee v. Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 2008.

Woodford County: Horn v. Horn, 2009

Bourbon County Circuit Court: Blasting Case, 1980s; Waterway Impediment Case, 2000; Faulty Construction, 2009, Hadden v. Linville, 2015.

Fayette County Circuit Court: Faulty Construction, 1980s; Bluegrass Manufacturing (Divorce Case), 1999, Whitson v. Cross: Drainage Encroachment, 2013.

Carter County: Condemnation for Commonwealth of KY Transportation Cabinet.

MARY MCCLINTON CLAY PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Conservation and Wetland Easements: Bluegrass Heights Farm, Fayette County: Conservation and Preservation Easement; Wetland Easements in Pulaski, Lincoln, and Fulton Counties for NRCS.

Zoning Support: John Vance, et al v. Paris City Commission 2019; Citizens for Progressive Growth and Development v. Paris Bourbon County Planning Commission 2004-2007 and 2016; Paris First v. Paris Bourbon County Planning Commission 2003-2006; Paris First v. Paris City Commission 2002-2003; Coppers Run Historic District, Inc. v. Abundant Life Worship Center 1995; Sugar Grove Farm v. East Kentucky Power 1994-1996; Lawrence Simpson, et al v. Harry Laytart 1986-1996.

Professional Organizations:

Appraisal Institute: MAI, 1985; SRPA, 1982; SRA, 1980

Appraisal Institute Education Certification:

The Appraisal Institute conducts a voluntary program of continuing education for its designated members. I am certified under this program through December 31, 2023.

Education: Hollins College, B.A., 1972

Appraisal Education: Society of Real Estate Appraisers Course 101, 1977; SREA Course 201, 1978; SREA Course 301, 1981; AIREA Course VIII, 1979; AIREA Course VI, 1979; AIREA Course II, 1980; AIREA Course in Investment Analysis, 1980; AIREA Course in Valuation Litigation, March, 1986; Appraisal Institute Standards of Professional Practice, 1992; AIREA Comprehensive Examination, August, 1983; Courses in Real Estate Finance, Income Property Appraisal, Real Property Valuation, and Investment Analysis, 1977-1978, Eastern Kentucky University; Appraisal Institute Course 400G, Market Analysis/Highest and Best Use, 2008, Conservation Easement Certification, 2008.

Attended numerous seminars covering a variety of topics including investment analysis, feasibility and market analysis, eminent domain and condemnation, valuation of lease interests, component depreciation, risk analysis, current issues in subdivision and zoning law, Yellow Book and appraiser as expert witness.

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HOCTOR ROAD CORRIDOR 2,400-3,000 ACRES

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WITH A PLAN TO PERMIT

2,000 ACRES OF INDUSTRIAL SOLAR DEVELOPMENTS

Note:

Graphic ovals and associated acreages avoid depiction & disclosure of specific private party parcels. Information obtained from Klickitat County records and other sources.





From:	<u>lhill@olypen.com</u>	
To:	EFSEC mi Comments	
Subject:	Carriger Solar Project	
Date:	Monday, April 24, 2023 9:19:06 AM	
Attachments:	Letter to EFSEC.docx	

External Email

Attached, please find my letter regarding the Carriger Solar Project in Goldendale, WA.

Larry H. Hill lhill@olypen.com To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council:

My name is Larry H. Hill. My younger brother and two older sisters and I are the heirs to Mary and Harold Hill's farm which we refer to as Hillsview Ranch. I am writing this letter on behalf of my siblings and their children.

Our Grandparents moved to the Goldendale area in 1923 when our father was one year old. Dad was raised on the family farm, attended Goldendale High School and graduated from Washington State College in 1942. Following his service with the US Army in the ETO during WW II he and Mary returned to Goldendale and began farming on the current property in 1946.

The four of us were raised on the family farm, attended Goldendale public schools and graduated from Goldendale High School. Each of us attended Washington State University and pursued careers in public education which led us to reside and raise families in other parts of the state. All of our children are now established in their respective careers, and it is obvious none of that generation will return to farm the land.

Despite not living in the area for many years we all think of Goldendale and Hillsview Ranch as our "home". We take the responsibility of land ownership seriously and try to make thoughtful decisions that benefit as many people as possible in addition to our immediate family members.

Change is never easy and there will always be opposition to anything that shifts the status quo. Change is difficult for our family as well. We share a far deeper attachment to Hillsview Ranch than anyone and many of the concerns expressed by voices in opposition to the project were shared by us as well. Through careful consideration and due diligence, we feel those concerns have been addressed.

We believe our involvement in the Carriger Solar Project offers the best alternative at our disposal for the most viable use of our land. We are convinced that contributing a portion of our property to the project allows us to make a small contribution to the development of renewable energy, gives future generations of our family a measure of financial assistance, and provides the people of Klickitat County and Goldendale with significant economic benefits from the tax revenue the installation will generate.

- Currently the farm generates enough income to cover our property taxes, insurance and utility bills on an average year.
- On a year with a good crop and/or high prices we can cover expenses, make improvements to our childhood home, and maybe make a couple thousand dollars each.
- As we all eventually pass on, however, any proceeds from the farm get split at least 9 ways instead of 4. Also, the burden of what to do with the property will be thrust onto the next generation, a burden that will be made more difficult simply by the number of stakeholders involved.
- Trying to sell the property is not financially equitable to our family when compared to a solar lease.
- Developing the property is also not as beneficial and a much more expensive undertaking. In addition, the idea of 50 to 100 scattered small parcels, each requiring their own septic and well, roads, and outbuildings is far less desirable than a solar array.

- Dividing the property among the four of us is not feasible because the various parcels cannot be separated easily with regards to current and/or future value.
- For the folks who are concerned that the beauty of the land will be destroyed by the project I would point out that no one's view will be affected more than the one from the west picture window in our childhood home which we plan to keep in the family as a gathering place for holidays and family retreats.
- Given the current desire for development of renewable energy sources this project seems like a worthy endeavor.
- It is my understanding that our property is within the borders of the County's Energy Overlay Zone.
- Our parents, Mary and Harold Hill, were well-known and respected citizens of the Goldendale community. In addition to farming, Harold also served as a Klickitat PUD Commissioner for 30 years and was elected President of the State PUD Association for a term. Dad was involved in bringing the Boeing MOD 2 wind power research project to Klickitat County in the 70's, which served as a precursor to wind power in the state. The HW Hill Landfill Gas Project in Roosevelt bears his name. He and I often discussed what we should do with the farm after he was gone. Given his lifelong interest in renewable energy I firmly believe he would be very much at peace with our decision to lease part of the ranch to the Carriger project.
- I wish Dad was alive to see this development take shape as he would have been fascinated to observe the process and the construction of the project.
- Although the Carriger Project will change the look of the land for a period of years the land itself will not be permanently altered and could once again become viable farmland when the project is decommissioned. In our view this project allows our family to maintain ownership of the property and still preserve the land.
- Our family will benefit from the Carriger project financially, but that benefit will pale in comparison to the economic benefit to Klickitat County, the City of Goldendale, as well as the schools, fire departments, library, and other entities that are supported by tax dollars.

Finally, as I mentioned, our family has served as stewards of our land for 80 to 100 years. It is our land now, a legacy passed to us by our parents and one we would deeply like to pass on to our children. We appreciate the intricacy and stringent requirements this Council applies to projects of this nature and are pleased that Cypress Creek Renewables has chosen this path to proceed with the permitting process. I hope I have conveyed that our decision to participate in the Carriger Project was made with thoughtfulness and consideration of multiple viewpoints. We wholeheartedly support the project and Thank You for taking the time to hear our voice.

Larry H. Hill Representing Randy L. Hill Susan G. Bennett Sandra K. Goodwin

From:	<u>ken hill</u>	
То:	EFSEC mi Comments	
Subject:	Carriger Solar Project	
Date:	Monday, April 24, 2023 2:43:25 PM	
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External Email

Dear Council Members:

We own 320 acres along Knight Road and would like to address the issue of agricultural land being used for industrial solar.

Approximately 212 of our 320 acres are tillable while the remaining 108 are termed scab land due to large unmovable rocks that make tillage impossible. This means one third of our acreage is not farmable. The 212 tillable acres is not prime farmland resulting in marginal dryland production with no option of developing irrigation.

We have farmed the land along Fish Hatchery Road and Knight Road for over 50 years and have learned to utilize the 212 tillable acreage as profitably as possible. Now we have the opportunity to utilize the entire 320 acres through producing solar energy while developing conservation practices that will establish a haven for small animals and birds.

Given our age and that our children do not want to continue farming the land, we must plan for the future use of our property. We do not want to subdivide our property into more 20 acre and 5 acre rural homesites as other agricultural property in Klickitat County has seen happen. We want a quiet solar farm, with a well maintained fence, that benefits our entire community with increased tax revenues and supply clean energy for future generations.

The entire 320 acres will finally be utilized, a clean non polluting energy will be produced, the water table will remain stable, and the land itself will be protected.

As a country we need to use our land to its fullest potential and in a manner that will benefit the future in the most productive way, in this case solar energy production.

The attachment includes comments we have recently shared with Klickitat County Commissioners.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Melody and Ken Hill 569 Spring Creek Road Goldendale, WA 98620 Lets start with the Energy Overlay Zone document. While more than 1 type of energy is mentioned, including solar, the document is more broadly about the development of energy in Klickitat County and the acceptable boundaries. The key word of the document being ENERGY – not one particular kind.

Everyone is demanding more and more electrical energy, including the majority of Klickitat County. <u>U</u>sing cell phones, doing Google searches, buying on Amazon, posting on Social Media and on and on. The amount of energy needed to supply the servers of all the platforms in use is astronomical and growing – in 12 years all new cars in our state will be plugging in for a Charge. How can the supply keep up with demand?

About 15 years ago Bonneville Power Administration proposed an expansion of their power grid. The chosen route went north close to Knight Road and ended with an impressive substation close to the base of Jack Knife Butte. We challenged BPA in court but to no avail and resigned ourselves to having a very large power line cutting thru our property with an easement so wide that more lines can be added later- All this simply because people need more energy.

Private energy companies saw BPA's huge new addition to the power grid and their need for help filling those lines with power. Solar companies saw that Klickitat County has been progressive in their view of energy. The county could profit from solar development. But here comes the rub "Not in my Backyard"

If not in your backyard than whose? It's ok to have coal trains and oil trains go thru Klickitat County – they are passing thru – not in your backyard until there is a derailment. So whose backyard is the energy we are all using suppose to come from?

My backyard turned into 20, 10, 5 even 2½ acre house sites. Land that was once farmed has been subdivided. Every direction you look from Goldendale there are developments - possibly thousands of acres. People have the right to subdivide their land. We accepted the new populated look of our rural landscape

BPA forced changes on us. The unsatiable need for more energy by so many has presented us with the opportunity to invest in the future - helping supply energy into the power grid for the energy needs of the country. A solar farm won't produce air, noise or light pollution, the water table won't be lowered due to wells being drilled for small acreages – the land will get a rest.

We started a process in 2018 that fell within our rights as property owners and within the parameters set forth by Klickitat County. We followed the system in place but now 5 years later we are having to fight for those rights.

Its OK to turn our farmland into your small acreage house site but how dare we help fill future energy needs of our country.

From:	Lori Zoller		
То:	Hafkemeyer, Ami (EFSEC); Snarski, Joanne (EFSEC); EFSEC mi Comments		
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External Email

Good afternoon. Please find attached my comments for the record in regards to the Carriger Project Application in Klickitat County. Looking forward to seeing you at the Public Information Meeting this Tuesday and I have registered to speak.

Best regards.

Lori Zoller District #2 Klickitat County Commissioner 4/22/2023

Ami Hafkemeyer EFSEC Manager Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Via email: <u>ami.hafkemeyer@efsec.wa.gov</u>

Re: Application for Site Certification, Carriger Solar, LLC Project Solar ASC Submittal EFSEC 02-10-2023

Ms. Hafkemeyer,

Please enter this into the record as my beginning testimony regarding the Carriger Solar Project application for the Knight Road area of Klickitat County.

Welcome to Klickitat County. Well known for our diversity of people and landscapes from West to East. Recreation to farming and ranching. Conservation and parks to timber harvest. Klickitat County is an interesting effort to how competing lifestyles and land use can work together for the good of all. Working through the upcoming processes, you will find that Klickitat County has worked hard for many years to achieve a balance with competing land uses. You will also find that Klickitat County is an overachiever in green energy.

As forerunners to the green energy movement, Klickitat County began a program that captured methane gas and turned it into energy at our landfill in Roosevelt in 1999. Klickitat County has 602 operating wind towers. We are now well into the planning processes for the Pump Storage Facility. A project which the Governor himself has toured and touted as a "State of art project for green energy." As a County, we are the largest supplier of green energy in WA State.

In anticipation of the coming need for green energy, Klickitat County was the first in Washington State to enact an Energy Overlay Zone in 2005.

That document, when crafted, focused on wind power. There are slight notes to solar energy but in the context of small projects. At that time, no one understood what or how sizeable industrial solar was. The EOZ also allowed the creation of a blanketed Environmental Impact Statement for all wind power projects. But as you review the EOZ, you will find that in the final stages, the document was appealed. One primary concern was the need for more language for large-scale solar and its differences from wind power. The EOZ was challenged, and as part of a settlement agreement, Klickitat County was required to put each large-scale solar application through the rigors of its own complete EIS, site by site.

Under the EOZ for solar, Klickitat County retained the right to be the lead agency for large-scale solar or be allowed to pick which agency that would be.

With the placement of our new 2023 moratorium prior to the submission of the Carriger application, we have ensured the time to accomplish the required studies and additions for large-scale solar. We have set goals for our Planning Director and have already begun the work with our Planning Commission to update our EOZ for industrial solar within our County.

Proper sensitive placement of large-scale industrial solar is a priority. The Carriger application, as submitted, has yet to go through the appropriate planning and reviews, mainly since the application is unusually located in a higher population area with documented, valuable resource lands. There are legitimate concerns about the aquifers and hundreds of domestic water wells, the future livability of the site, and property values. Extensive wildlife, birds, and fish concerns are also of matter. And the road systems, the potential of deadly battery fires, and proper decommissioning plans. All of these should have been adequately vetted before submitting this application.

My review of the Carriger Solar Project Application for the Knight Road area of Klickitat County leaves me wondering why such an application with so many faults and incompleteness would be forwarded to EFSEC for approval. Within the opening cover letter, the tone was set by Carriger, which continues throughout the application. The cover letter and documents lead the reader to believe Carriger had met the Revised Code of Washington and Washington Administrative Code for siting. They boldly claimed they were ready for an expedited process. I could not come to rest on any chapter or addendum, A through L, that did not require a tremendous number of qualified studies, information, and documentation to legally meet the intent of Federal, State, and County land use planning laws or Tribal requirements.

I thank those on the EFSEC review board with the background and expertise to review this application. And for the EFSEC process allows refuting testimony and documentation so that a project of this magnitude does not just slip through in the dark of night but is required, as it should, to go through a full Environmental Impact Study.

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We look forward to working with EFSEC throughout the site consistency hearing and ensuring our County's true intent regarding industrial solar and our planning efforts at the County are recognized and honored. My goal is to help EFSEC help Klickitat County create a prosperous future from the balance of competing for land use options and new green energy.

Sincerely,

Lori Zoller District #2 Klickitat County Commissioner

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April 24, 2023

RE: Docket No. EF-230001 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Carriger Project Additional Comments

Thank you for this opportunity to submit additional comments.

I am providing this information as a retired individual living in the Goldendale area.

Previously, I was a Klickitat County employee serving as Director of Economic Development from 1997-2005 and in that capacity was the lead person on the County's energy overlay zone programmatic environmental impact statement and related actions, with outside legal counsel provided by Stephen DiJulio of the Foster Pepper (now Foster Garvey) law firm in Seattle.

Attached here are the following documents:

- My brief testimony submitted at EFSEC's April 25, 2023, public meeting in Goldendale.
- A guest editorial I prepared which ran in the Goldendale *Sentinel* on March 15, 2023, which addresses the local tax benefits provided by large projects.
- A detailed response -- prepared before any permit applications had been filed -- to the written statements made by the CEASE organization at that time.
- March 2023 analysis of large solar project effects on neighboring property values published in the Elsevier Energy Policy journal by researchers at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the University of Connecticut.

Again, thank for this opportunity to comment.

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Peck Response to CEASE Letter Jan. 17, 2022

CEASE leader Greg Wagner, a new arrival to Klickitat County living on 5 acres of land in the middle of the County's early 2000 energy overlay zone boundary (see attached maps), has raised several points about proposed solar projects. This memo responds to those points from my perspective as the lead staffer on the County's energy overlay zone effort in the early 2000's, as well as my experience as a project developer for wind and solar projects in several Western states¹.

I have highlighted the letter's assertions I am responding to, and also printed those assertions in the body of this text.

Quick History of the Energy Overlay Zone Concept

The County's experience with windpower development in the mid-1990's prompted adaptation of the well-established overlay zone concept² to renewable energy when the wind industry began to revive in 2000. As a former wind developer then serving as Director of Economic Development, County Planning Director Curt Dreyer (County lead staffer on wind project development in the 1990's) and I were determined to give the public a role in deciding where such project were welcomed by local residents prior to specific projects being proposed,

In addition, rather than depend on privately funded environmental impact statements (EIS) for projects, we felt a County-funded , County-wide EIS would provide more confidence to local residents that the results were impartial. That same EIS could then be used by County staff to define more detailed, project specific studies when developers proposed a project. Also, developers could use the County's EIS to determine whether they wanted to develop in a specific area prior to acquiring land³.

Land use studies focused on renewable energy projects, the technologies where the County appeared to have competitive advantages sought by private developers. The main advantage was transmission lines linking the County to urban markets paying a premium for electricity from renewable projects. The environmental analyses, which included an extensive avian study of the entire county, were designed to address known and potential issues associated with wind and solar projects.

¹ Kenetech (leading US renewable energy developer in the 1990's; Horizon (formerly a division of Goldman Sachs, now EDP Renewables); and EDF Renewables (formerly enXco and owned by the world's largest utility, EDF).

² Washington State encourages so-call "planned use development" for areas anticipating growth. Also, the landfill in eastern Klickitat County was developed under a similar overlay process.

³ Typically, in the absence of this kind of process, developers determine a site that meets their criteria, leases land, approaches the local permitting entity, and initiates an environmental study process all before there is any public input or awareness.

It's important to recognize that in early 2000, when this project began, neither wind nor solar technology deployment was widespread but their land use requirements and impacts were generally understood. The visual impact and setback provisions in the energy overlay reflect that, as do the other studies incorporated into the County's EIS.

Public hearings took place during the EIS process and also when the County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed adoption of the zone, which were well-publicized and wellattended. Landowners not wanting to be in the energy overlay zone could opt out, as did a large area around Snowden (see attached map).

Developers have a large incentive to locate projects within the energy overlay zone and meet whatever criteria are established. The energy overlay zone, having been made a part of the County code through a public process, gives the County Planner authority to review project applications, determine additional impact studies, and grant the final permit approval. Unlike the conditional use process, this provides a predictable timeframe, something all developers want.

More recent arrivals moving into the energy overlay zone area could, through their realtors, have been aware of this history. The presence of large wind projects should, at the very least, have suggested that Klickitat County was a place where renewable energy development occurred.

Land Is Being Secretively Acquired And Leased

This is an accurate statement. Developers generally negotiate with landowners one-on-one, a situation preferred by both parties as they attempt to arrive at a mutually agreed upon price. I suspect Mr. Wagner did the same; although I don't know that for a fact, I doubt he informed his neighbors before purchasing his 5 acre lot.

6,000 Acres Will Be Covered With 2.5 Million Solar Panels And Surrounded By A Chain Link Fence.

I don't know how many acres have been leased by Cypress and Invenergy and I suspect Mr. Wagner doesn't either. It is a large number and runs north of Rt. 142 on both sides of Knight Road. It would be surrounded by a fence, usually chain link, for insurance and security reasons.

The number and type of solar panels is also not known. While the energy overlay zone application, when filed, will address layout of the project, solar panels are not purchased until just before construction. That is a function of the constant downward price of solar panels.

When Constructed It Will Reduce The Value Of Your Home And Make It Difficult To Sell, Impact The Enjoyment And Quality Of Life,. Destroy The Natural Beauly, Kill Wildlife During Construction, Destroy Wildlife Habitat. Damage The Ecosystem, Pollute Ground Water, Potential Battery Fire/Explosion And Emission Of Deadly Toxic Fumes.

I'll respond to these items in turn:

• When Constructed It Will Reduce The Value Of Your Home And Make It Difficult To Sell

This is the most prevalent theme voiced by opponents of any project. Locally, it was a frequent statement by wind project opponents claiming that no new residential would occur where wind turbines could be seen – a statement clearly not borne out by experience.

The irony of this statement in this context is that it denies the right of his neighbors – most of whom lived in the County at the time the energy overlay zone was open for public comment -- to profit from the proposed solar projects. Given the lease rates in solar contracts, it is unlikely a rancher would take land generating good earnings out of production and sign a solar lease.

• Impact The Enjoyment And Quality Of Life Destroy the Natural Beauty

Much like the previous assertion, this assumes that the landowners signing these leases are operating public parks, not commercial properties.

My favorite response to this statement was made by a Centerville rancher some years back, "No one ever offered to pay me for my view."

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• Kill Wildlife During Construction, Destroy Wildlife Habitat, Damage The Ecosystem, Pollute Ground Water

The County Planner responsible for overseeing energy overlay zone permit applications addresses all these points in the permit criteria and assures County regulations are met. The energy overlay zone doesn't supersede pre-existing County requirements, it provides additional criteria – and incentives to meet those criteria –on project developers. That's why it's called an "overlay".

• Potential Battery Fire/Explosion And Emission Of Deadly Toxic Fumes

Although I don't know if the proposed projects plan to include batteries, there is a growing trend to include them at solar projects to provide additional hours of renewable electricity output to sell after sunset.

There have been incidences of battery fires in solar and electric vehicle applications, much like the occasional wind turbine failure, but project developers and the utilities that buy either the output or the entire project have major incentives to assure all safety criteria are met. It's not a guarantee this won't happen, but it makes it highly unlikely.

Permit conditions can assure these installations meet best industry practices and the equipment itself is far removed from residences.

We Will Receive None Of The Electricity Generated

This is undoubtedly the case, and it's the same for wind power generated in the County. Klickitat PUD can purchase electricity from BPA at much lower prices than local renewable energy projects can get from utilities serving urban markets, most of which also have to meet renewable portfolio standards set at the state level.

Renewable energy generated in the immediate area – and the Mid-Columbia is one the top five renewable energy producing regions in the country – is an export product, much like Pacific Northwest wheat.

In my corporate days, this was one of my favorite questions to answer when signing leases with ranchers. It was fun to say "We'll sell our electricity to the lowest bidder when you sell your wheat to the lowest bidder." Always got the same response.

Only A Few Landowners, Invenergy And Cypress Creek Will Make Money

"Only a few landowners, Invenergy and Cypress Creek will receive direct payments" is more accurate.

Rural economic development that directly benefits ranchers and farmers is rare. Nationwide, renewable energy projects have been a rural economic development success story. In Klickitat County, they represent a significant source of revenue for landowners (in the form of royalty payments), the County road and general fund, and the numerous special tax districts (hospital, school, fire, cemetery) where the projects are built. And the projects contribute to the County having the lowest tax rate in the state.

When Solar Panes Reach The End Of Their Productive Life They Can Not Be Disposed Of In A Landfill

This isn't accurate on two levels: first, small numbers of broken panels are being landfilled, although probably not in the Rabanco site which has more stringent criteria than the Arlington, Oregon site. And second, the industry is too new to have dealt with large-scale decommissioning of entire sites, a topic addressed in the next response.

When The Solar Panels Are No Longer Profitable To The Corporations, They Will File Bankruptcy And Walk Away Rich. The County Residents Will Be Financially Responsible For The Clean Up Cost, Not the Money Making Landowners Who Leased Their Land To The Corporations.

Totally wrong. All County permits for renewable energy projects include a section providing for the project owner to create a fund to remove the project should the project be closed. Wind projects have the added requirement to remove the top three feet of the tower foundation to allow for future agricultural use; solar project installation lacks that specific provision since they don't have massive foundations and are much easier to remove.

More likely than decommissioning a permitted project, the sites will probably be upgraded to more productive versions of the technology as is being seen at County wind sites where "repowering" has occurred.

The County Officials Have Failed To Study The Full Impact Of This Project. County Ordinances Are Inadequate And Do Not Protect Us.

Again, uninformed and wrong. The County has recognized its competitive advantage in renewable energy – most specifically wind and solar – since the early 2000's. It has thoroughly studied County resources for renewable energy development in a County-funded EIS that explicitly addresses wind and solar, held multiple hearings, and defined a publicly-approved specific area of the County where a specialized permit process is available with the intent of drawing projects to that area.

That level of analysis and protection – which both anticipated and preceded specific project development-- is, at this time, unique in the US and is more comprehensive than what most state or local government permitting entities bring to bear.

I have permitted projects on Federal land in Idaho, on land overseen by state-level entities in Washington and Wyoming, and at the county level in Washington, Oregon, Utah, Montana, and California. None of them have the underpinning of the energy overlay's EIS or the extensive public hearings in advance of a specific project seen in the overlay's ordinance.

This Solar Farm Is Intentionally Being Kept Quiet To Avoid Opposition

The cheap shot reply is, "Then how do you know about it?"

The actual reply is that no permit application has been filed by either Cypress Creek or Invenergy, so technically there is no "real" project to discuss in the eyes of the County. Land has been leased and informal conversations have been held to determine permit application requirements, but no application has been filed.

Once the permitting process is formally initiated, developers are mandated to hold a well-publicized public meeting to explain the project.

Reinforcing the County Commission's long-time commitment to achieving economic development that's a fit with Klickitat County culture, there have recently been two County workshops open to the public during which these concerns have been discussed. No final decision has been made on how to proceed, but there's an understanding that nothing has been raised that hasn't been previously addressed in the energy overlay zone process and related EIS.

We Are Not Against Renewable Energy When Done Responsibly With The Citizens Rights Protected And There (sic) Concerns Addressed And Fully Resolved.

I couldn't agree more. In the absence of the energy overlay zone, only developer criteria⁴ drives the siting process. In Klickitat County, siting is guided by a process that began with local public input and a county-wide EIS and now has twenty years of operating experience. Project-specific concerns are weighed against planning criteria and addressed within that process by permit conditions administered by the County Planner.

⁴ Renewable energy project criteria is remarkably simple: good resource (wind or unobstructed solar), transmission access (typically within 20 miles of a substation or major transmission line for wind, under 10 miles for solar), willing landowners, and no obvious fatal flaws when it comes to environmental issues.

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CITIZENS EDUCATED ABOUT SOLAR ENERGY

CONTACT: CEASE2020@AOL.COM

THIS LETTER IS TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE KNIGHT ROAD UTILITY SCALE SOLAR FARM TO BE BUILT IN KLICKITAT COUNTY, WA. THE PROJECT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE INVENERGY, **CYPRESS CREEK RENEWABLES AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION. IT IS TO COVER APPROXIMATELY**, <u>4000</u> ACRES. THIS LAND IS BEING **SECRETIVELY ACQUIRED** AND LEASED JUST 3 MILES WEST OF GOLDENDALE, WA. THE AREA IS FROM HIGHWAY 142 NORTH, EACH SIDE OF KNIGHT ROAD NORTH, TO PINE FOREST ROAD, **WEST TO HILL ROAD AND SOUTH BACK TO HIGHWAY 142. THE** <u>6000</u> ACRES WILL BE COVERED **WITH 2.5 MILLION SOLAR PANELS AND SURROUNDED BY A CHAIN LINK FENCE.** THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE WILL LOOK LIKE A INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. THIS PROJECT WILL START 01-2022.

WHEN CONSTRUCTED IT WILL REDUCE THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME AND MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SELL, IMPACT THE ENVOYMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE, DESTROY THE NATURAL BEAUTY, KILL WILDLIFE DURING CONSTRUCTION, DESTROY WILDLIFE HABITAT, DAMAGE THE ECOSYSTEM, POLLUTE GROUND WATER, POTENTIAL BATTERY FIRE/EXPLOSION AND EMISSION OF DEADLY TOXIC FUMES.THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS.WE WILL RECEIVE NONE OF THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED. JUST THE UGLY AND HARMFUL SOLAR FARM. ONLY A FEW LANDOWNERS, INVENERGY AND CYPRESS CREEK WILL MAKE MONEY.WE THE CITIZENS ARE THE LOSERS, WHEN SOLAR PANELS REACH THE END OF THEIR PRODUCTIVE LIFE THEY CAN NOT BE DISPOSED OF IN A LANDFILL THEY ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE DUE THE TO THE CANCER CAUSING CHEMICALS IN THEM: LEAD, CADMIUM, COPPER INDIUM SELENIDE, SILICON TETRACHLORIDE, NITROGEN TRIFLOURIDE. THIS WILL BE THE FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM. WHEN THE SOLAR PANELS ARE NO LONGER PROFITABLE TO THE CORPORATIONS. THEY WILL FILE BANKRUPTCY AND WALK AWAY RICH. THE COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL BE FINANCIALLY **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEAN UP COST. NOT THE MONEY MAKING LANDOWNERS WHO LEASED** THEIR LAND TO THE CORPORATIONS, TODAY SOLAR ENERGY APPEARS TO THE PERFECT SOLUTION BUT THE SAME WAS THOUGHT ABOUT NUCLEAR ENERGY AND LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER IT HAS CAUSED. THE COUNTY OFFICIALS HAVE FAILED TO STUDY THE FULL IMPACT OF THIS PROJECT. COUNTY ORDINANCES ARE INADEOUATE AND DO NOT PROTECT US TOMORROW THIS SOLAR FARM MAYBE NEXT TO YOUR HOME. THIS SOLAR FARM IS INTENTIONALLY BEING KEPT QUIET TO AVOID OPPOSITION. IF THIS CONCERNS YOU CONTACT: BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION 503-230-3000/CYPRESS CREEK RENEWABLES 310-581-6299/ INVENEGRY CORP.971-346-4981_SINATOR CONGRESSMAN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNOR COMMISSIONER 773-4612/PLANNING 773-5703/ ECONOMIC 773-7060. WE ARE NOT AGAINST RENEWABLE ENERGY WHEN DONE RESPONSIBLY WITH THE CITIZENS RIGHTS PROTECTED AND THERE CONCERNS ADDRESSED AND FULLY RESOLVED.

VISIT: CEASE 2020.0RG SIGN THE NETITION

County-Wide Energy Overlay Zone Boundary



Knight Road-Area Energy Overlay Boundary



G. Wagner Property within Energy Overlay (5 Acres, Two Adjoining Lots)



Statement of Dana Peck Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council April 25, 2023

I am the retired Director of Economic Development for Klickitat County and was the manager of the County's energy overlay zone project in the early 2000's.

My purpose in presenting testimony today is to clarify what I feel are several points related to the energy overlay zone, solar energy projects, and public involvement in the energy facility siting process.

- The energy overlay zone's northern boundary in west Klickitat County, although based on the findings of a programmatic eis, is arbitrary and could have been drawn to include the new BPA substation and surrounding area if we'd have known it was planned.
- Solar is addressed in the programmatic eis, and related county actions, but the absence of installed large-scale solar installations --- unlike wind at the time -- didn't provide specific examples for guiding zoning language so we relied on wind project data for setbacks and included the CUP process as an alternative rather than prohibit energy projects outside the energy overlay zone.
- The energy overlay concept was pursued mostly to resolve what the planning director and I felt needed to be done to address recurring public concerns, specifically the lack of public awareness over where projects were proposed prior to formal announcement, the recurring skepticism over the content of developer-funded project eis documents, and the narrow cumulative impacts analysis allowed by project eis guidelines. Economic development was a hoped-for outcome, but it wasn't the main driver.
- I have provided additional information to your portal and have some information on economic development benefits attached to these comments.

Example of Local Tax District Benefits from a Hypothetical Solar Project West of Goldendale

Total annual revenue increases from a single \$150 million solar project for tax districts west of Goldendale would be just under \$1 million, and additional projects would likely double that annual number:

County General	\$165,337
County Road	\$208,963
EMS	\$61,048
Fire 7	\$111,197
Goldendale School Dist	\$290,136
Klickitat County Health	\$84,759
Library	\$41,921
Rec Dist 1	\$36,167
Total	\$999,530

Name	Туре	2020 Taxes	2019 Taxes	2016 Taxes		
Windy Flats	Wind	\$2,110,975	\$2,114,275	\$2,703,764		
PSE	Other	\$1,473,704	\$1,540,810	\$1,771,094		
BNSF	Other	\$1,523,189	\$1,174,870	\$844,863	Total Taxes	2020
Tuolumne Wind	Wind	\$1,015,839	\$1,010,437	\$1,207,019	Wind	\$6,940,903
Summit Power	Wind	\$790,074	\$795,964	\$1,171,419	Other	\$5,329,810
Pacificorp	Wind	\$747,033	\$743,277	\$777,856	Total	\$12,270,713
Big Horn Wind	Wind	\$612,221	\$615,160	\$1,009,264		
Harvest Wind	Wind	\$550,710	\$555,969	\$598,278		
Northwest Pipeline	Other	\$518,831	\$501,951	\$561,867		
Juniper Canyon	Wind	\$444,725	\$448,389			
S. Cal Pub Pwr	Wind	\$409,838	\$407,662	\$477,038		
SDS	Other	\$524,095	\$373,741	\$291,911		
Insitu	Other	\$257,756	\$278,063	\$197,383		
Big Horn II	Wind	\$259,489	\$261,208	\$404,993		
Republic	Other	\$142,589	\$83,830	\$145,994		
Mt Adams Orchards	Other	\$456,300	\$172,750	\$195,721		
Dpt Wildlife	Other		\$163,653			
Andrews & Rowell	Other		\$163,467			
Robert & Louise Andrews	Other	\$191,895	\$154,116			
Mercer Ranches	Other	\$144,836	\$136,334			
The Dalles Fruit Co	Other	\$96,615	\$112,239			
Trinity Industries	Other					
Wells Fargo Rail Corp	Other			\$165,181		
Total		\$12,270,713	\$11,808,166	\$12,523,645		

Klickitat County Tax Revenues – Wind Projects and Other Major Employers

Large Projects Mean Lower Tax Rates

Dana Peck Opinion Piece Goldendale Sentinel March 15, 2023

New, large projects, like the proposed solar projects west of Goldendale, lower your property taxes. That's what makes them attractive, especially in rural areas where the number of people paying property taxes is small.

It takes a couple paragraphs to explain, but I think you'll find how it works interesting.

Your "county property taxes" are what pays for services you use every day. Roads, senior services, the hospital, ambulance service, fire protection, and law enforcement from the Sheriff's office are a few examples. Schools are also included, especially important if you have your own children or young relatives in the area. The library and swimming pool, services most rural communities lack, are also supported by property taxes.

Each of the organizations providing local services and receiving property tax support has an annual budget. Typically, that budget gets its revenue from a mix of sources in addition to property taxes, but property taxes tend to be a significant percentage of the revenue for each organization. Without those property taxes, most of their services would be either greatly reduced or halted.

If you own your residence and pay property taxes, the tax bill you get has tax assessments – for tax districts – at the bottom of the bill. If you rent, the charges are included in your rental fee. For example, if you live in the area served by Fire District 7, you pay about \$.75 for each \$1,000 of your property's assessed value, and that pays a part of Fire District 7's annual operating budget.

This is where new large projects, which get a similar tax bill, help lower your property taxes. I don't know what the average assessed value of a house or land is in Fire District 7's tax district, but for use here, let's say it's \$350,000. The fire district's levy rate of \$.75 per \$1,000 produces about \$260.00 per year for the fire district's budget from that single property. A \$150 million new solar project – again, that's my guess on the average assessed value of a project, not an exact number – produces about \$111,000 annually for the fire district. With the annual revenue from one large solar project, the fire district has the option of dramatically increasing its budget and providing additional services, lowering its levy rate, or both – and lowering your taxes.

Another way to look at this new project tax revenue is its effect on special levies for facility upgrades. For example, if a \$2 million levy is proposed by one of the tax districts for a new building, that amount would be spread across all properties in the tax district, typically for 10 to 20 years. If one of the properties in the tax district is worth \$150 million dollars, that property pays a large share of the special levy, allowing other properties in the tax district – your house, for example – to pay less and still benefit from the upgraded facility. It's the equivalent of

someone paying a portion of your annual mortgage payment for you. The amount you need to pay doesn't change, but the amount you're personally responsible for shrinks.

Depending on where you live and which tax districts you pay into, here's the estimated annual contribution from a new \$150 million project on the better known tax districts:

Bickleton Fire District 2	\$107,448
Bickleton School	\$90,757
Centerville School	\$272,905
County General	\$165,337
County Road	\$208,963
EMS	\$61,048
Fire 7	\$111,197
Fire District 5	\$127,487
Goldendale School Dist	\$290,136
Klickitat County Health	\$84,759
Library	\$41,921
Rec Dist 1	\$36,167
Roosevelt Fire District 9	\$154,967

Just like the Fire District 7 example, each tax district getting a new large project would have the option of expanding their annual budget and related services, reducing their levy amount, or some combination of the two. In any case, your taxes go down, your services go up, or both.

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Annual property tax revenue from the single \$350,000 home used in this example would be:

County General	\$386
County Road	\$488
EMS	\$142
Fire 7	\$259
Goldendale School Dist	\$677
Klickitat County Health	\$198
Library	\$98
Rec Dist 1	\$84
Total	\$2,332

It would take hundreds of new homes – 428 \$350,000 homes in this example – to get the same tax effect as one large solar project. New residents building new homes bring costs of added services such as road repair and pressure on schools and hospitals that largely offset their property tax payments. Those kinds of service demands are not typically seen with new large projects, which, for example, sign agreements with the county for road repair and put funds in escrow to guarantee removal of the equipment if the project is terminated.

To wrap this up, it's not often stated, but the goal of recruiting new large projects like solar that don't have large labor needs after construction is to expand the tax base, improve services, and lower overall resident property tax rates while preserving our rural ag culture. New residents in new homes do just the opposite.

You've seen how this works since the 1980's. The landfill and energy projects are the reason Klickitat County has the lowest property taxes in the state while supporting a range of services unusual in a rural area. The next round of projects offers similar benefits.

On a personal level, I'm sympathetic with my neighbors in the county who live here for the view, the great rural culture, and the low property taxes but oppose solar energy projects near them. What I've tried to show here is that there is a price to be paid by all of us for that opposition. Thanks for taking the time to read this.



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Shedding light on large-scale solar impacts: An analysis of property values and proximity to photovoltaics across six U.S. states

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ABSTRACT

We examine the impact of large-scale photovoltaic projects (LSPVPs) on residential home prices in six U.S. states that account for over 50% of the installed MW capacity of large-scale solar in the U.S. Our analysis of over 1,500 LSPVPs and over 1.8 million home transactions answers two questions: (1) what effect do LSPVPs have on home prices and (2) does the effect of LSPVP on home prices differ based on the prior land use on which LSPVPs are located, LSPVP size, or a home's urbanicity? We find that homes within 0.5 mi of a LSPVP experience an average home price reduction of 1.5% compared to homes 2–4 mi away; statistically significant effects are not measurable over 1 mi from a LSPVP. These effects are only measurable in certain states, for LSPVPs constructed on agricultural land, for larger LSPVPs, and for rural homes. Our results have two implications for policymakers: (1) measures that ameliorate possible negative impacts of LSPVP development, including compensation for neighbors, vegetative shading, and land use co-location are relevant especially to rural, large, or agricultural LSPVPs, and (2) place- and project-specific assessments of LSPVP development and policy practices are needed to understand the heterogeneous impacts of LSPVPs.

1. Introduction

Large-scale photovoltaic projects (LSPVP), defined here as groundmounted photovoltaic generation facilities with at least 1 MW of DC generation capacity, are an increasingly prevalent source of renewable energy. LSPVPs accounted for over 60% of all new solar capacity in the United States in 2021, and, as the largest resource by capacity in interconnection queues, are projected to continue growing (Bolinger et al., 2021). However, the local economic impacts of LSPVPs are poorly understood (Mai et al., 2014), despite surveys showing that local public support for large-scale solar is strongly related to perceived economic impacts, including the impact on property values (Carlisle et al., 2014). Concerns surrounding the property value impacts of solar power are reflected in solar industry and environmental advocacy communication that challenge the conception that solar power reduces property values (Center for Energy Education, n.d.; Solar Energy Industries Association, 2019), and in attempts by neighbors of solar plants to claim solar panels as a private nuisance (Westgate, 2017).

The purpose of this paper is to provide some of the first comprehensive evidence on the impact of LSPVPs on residential home values. Specifically, we seek to answer two related research questions: (1) what

effect, if any, do LSPVPs have on residential home prices and (2) does the effect of LSPVPs on home prices differ based on the prior land use on which a LSPVP is located, the size of the LSPVP, or the urbanicity of a home's location? To address these questions we use data from CoreLogic on over 1.8 million residential property transactions that occurred within six years before and after a LSPVP was constructed in the five U.S. states with the highest concentration of LSPVPs as measured by number of installations: California (CA), Massachusetts (MA), Minnesota (MN), North Carolina (NC), and New Jersey (NJ), as well as in Connecticut (CT), chosen for its relatively high population density (i.e., urbanicity) near LSPVPs. We then combine the transaction data with other geospatial datasets including an original dataset of LSPVP footprints developed by the project team for this research, a suite of environmental amenities and dis-amenities, urban, rural, and suburban classifications, and historic land cover data. We identify the arguably causal impact of LSPVPs on residential property values using a difference-in-differences identification strategy that compares the sale price of residential homes located in close proximity to a LSPVP (e.g. 0-0.5 miles away) both before and after a LSPVP is constructed to the sale price of homes located farther away from a LSPVP (e.g. 2-4 miles away).

Our paper makes several important contributions. First, we examine the impacts of LSPVPs in a large set of U.S. states that account for the

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Abbreviations		MN	Minnesota
		MW	megawatt
A/D	amenities and dis-amenities	NJ	New Jersey
API	Application Programming Interface	NLCD	National Land Cover Database
CA	California	NY	New York
CT	Connecticut	NC	North Carolina
DC	direct current	PV	photovoltaic
dB	decibel	RI	Rhode Island
DiD	difference-in-difference	RPS	Renewable Portfolio Standard
EIA	Energy Information Administration	SB	Senate Bill
FE	fixed effects	U.K.	United Kingdom
GHG	greenhouse gas	U.S.	United States
LSPVP	large-scale photovoltaic project	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
MA	Massachusetts		

majority of U.S. LSPVP capacity, most of which, to our knowledge, have not previously been studied with respect to the impact of LSPVPs on property values. Existing research on the property value impacts of LSPVPs provides mixed results from a limited set of geographies. Where researchers do find an adverse impact of LSPVPs on property values, as in studies from the Netherlands and from the U.S. states of RI, MA, and NC, they theorize a change in property values due to visual intrusion from panels (Abashidze, 2019; Dröes and Koster, 2021; Gaur and Lang, 2020) and land use change (Gaur and Lang, 2020). Conversely, one study based in the U.K. finds no statistically significant effect of LSPVPs on property values (Jarvis, 2021). Expanding the geographic scope of the literature, then, facilitates both generalization (Brinkley and Leach, 2019) and more location-specific policy insights.

Second, we investigate whether the effect of LSPVPs on home prices is heterogenous with respect to LSPVP area, prior LSPVP land use, and home urbanicity. One of the major concerns surrounding LSPVPs, as well as one of the major opportunities to explore the co-benefits of LSPVP development, are its land use requirements (Hernandez et al., 2014a; Hernandez et al., 2014b; Katkar et al., 2021). In particular, more adverse home price impacts might be found where LSPVPs displace green space (consistent with results that show higher property values near green space (Crompton, 2001)) or where LSPVPs are larger in area, and thus more visually intrusive. While some previous studies (Gaur and Lang, 2020) find that greenfield solar development is primarily responsible for their observed decrease in home prices when compared to brownfield development, our constructed dataset of LSPVP footprints allows us to more precisely identify the prior land use of a LSPVP (for instance, breaking up the "greenfield" category into agricultural and non-agricultural land uses). Our dataset of LSPVP footprints additionally allows us to accurately characterize the area of each LSPVP.

In section 2, we introduce the policy context for LSPVP development in the study area and review the existing literature on property value impacts of LSPVPs. In section 3, we detail the data used in this study, the geospatial methods used to combine datasets, and the difference-indifferences approach to assessing property value impacts of LSPVPs. In section 4, we present our base model, event study, and heterogeneity analysis results. In section 5, we summarize and discuss our findings. In section 6, we note the limitations of our study and describe avenues for future work. Finally, in section 7, we review the key conclusions and policy implications of our study.

2. Background and relevant literature

2.1. Policy context

The study area is defined as the six states of CA, CT, MA, MN, NC, and NJ. The states in the study area were chosen based on number of installations: CA, NC, MA, MN, and NJ represent the top five states in terms of number of >1 MW DC solar installations through 2019. Together, these states contain over 2,000 solar projects, or approximately 53% of the total MW DC capacity in the United States through 2019. We additionally include CT because of its relatively high population density near solar projects (U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2021a).

All six states face increasing demands for large-scale solar along with intensifying land use and permitting constraints on solar development. Both CA and CT have ambitious Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPSs), aiming for 100% of electricity retail sales to be supplied by renewable sources by 2045 and 2040, respectively (Schwartz and Brueske, 2020; U. S. Energy Information Administration, 2021a). In CA, this necessitates, by some estimates, a tripling of California's renewable energy production; of those possible renewable resources, solar PV is both the least expensive and has the largest technical potential in the state (Schwartz and Brueske, 2020). Though MA, MN, and NJ have less ambitious renewable energy development goals, state reports still estimate that building solar PV is a key strategy to meeting both MA and MN's GHG reduction and renewable electricity sourcing targets (Jones et al., 2020; Putnam and Perez, 2018), and NJ introduced legislation in 2021 that aims to double existing solar installations through incentives (NJ Department of Environmental Protection, 2021). NC's solar future is less definite: although the state has, historically, been a leader in solar installations, the dominant electric utility in the state, Duke Energy, has proposed an integrated resource plan that largely privileges fossil generation over renewables. This plan is currently under review by the NC Utility Commission, with challenges from multiple environmental groups (Southern Environmental Law Center, 2021).

State reports identify persistent LSPVP land use and permitting challenges. In CA, for instance, San Bernardino county voted to ban utility-scale solar farms on over a million acres of private land (Schwartz and Brueske, 2020), citing concerns about the industrializing impact of solar projects on rural or desert landscapes (Roth, 2019). Tradeoffs between land use and LSPVP development are also observed at the state level in CT, MN, and NJ. In CT, Public Act 17–218, enacted in 2017, limits PV development on forest and prime farmland¹; this has resulted in a reduced number of approved commercial PV projects per year (CT Council on Environmental Quality, 2020). Before the passage of this act, in 2016, the CT Council on Environmental Quality reported that solar PV was the single largest type of development displacing agricultural and forest land (CT Council on Environmental Quality, 2017). MN, too, prohibits solar development on prime farmland: the state's Prime

¹ Both CT Public Act 17–218 and the MA Prime Farmland Rule cite 7 CFR 657 for the definition of "prime farmland"; 7 CFR 657 is a periodically updated set of federal regulations, administered by the Department of Agriculture, that defines prime and important farmlands (Legal Information Institute, n.d.).

Farmland Rule includes solar development as one of the prohibited industrial uses of select agricultural land (Bergan, 2021). The MN Prime Farmland Rule is currently being contested: legislation that allows more PV development on farmland is now under consideration in the MN legislature (Bergan, 2021), and the MN Department of Commerce has, in the past, issued guidance for developers on how to make their case for an exception to the rule (Birkholz et al., 2020). In NJ and NC, too, concerns about farmland preservation and LSPVPs have appeared in discussions among agricultural stakeholders, although neither state has adopted prime farmland legislation like CT or MN (American Farmland Trust, 2021; Cleveland and Sarkisian, 2019). In MA, state reports refer to siting difficulties due to high population densities, expensive land for development that is disconnected from transmission, and opposition to disturbance of natural land (Jones et al., 2020).

In summary, while LSPVP installations are prevalent in the six states analyzed in this, these states also represent regions where an increasing need for LSPVP is met with restrictions, opposition, and land-use tradeoffs. These restrictions are often specific to farmland, although concerns do extend to other landscapes (like high density areas, deserts, and forests). Investigating property value impacts of LSPVPs, both overall and by prior land use and installation size, can potentially provide policymakers, practitioners, and developers with valuable information on how LSPVPs affect residents' willingness to pay for properties located near LSPVPs. To the extent that these concerns represent possible burdens of LSPVP development, investigating property value impacts of LSPVPs also helps us understand how these burdens are distributed. These insights, in turn, can guide policy or best practices that seek to mitigate adverse impacts of LSPVP development to enable build-out that meets climate and clean energy goals.

2.2. Relevant literature

The property value impacts of LSPVPs have received only recent, limited attention (Abashidze, 2019; Al-Hamoodah et al., 2018; Dröes and Koster, 2021; Gaur and Lang, 2020; Jarvis, 2021). Studies on LSPVPs and property values employing difference-in-differences (DiD) analyses find mixed results. Studies based in the U.S., specifically, MA and RI (Gaur and Lang, 2020) and NC (Abashidze, 2019), and the Netherlands (Dröes and Koster, 2021), find a statistically significant negative effect for homes near solar projects compared to homes further away. One study, based in the U.K., finds no statistically significant effect of LSPVP proximity on home property values (Jarvis, 2021). Although none of the existing studies find evidence of an increase in sales prices for homes near solar projects, Abashidze (2019) finds an increase in agricultural land value for land in close proximity to transmission lines after a solar farm is built in the area. To our knowledge, only Gaur and Lang (2020) investigate the impact of prior land use using a DiD framework, finding that greenfield solar construction is associated with a statistically significant reduction in sale prices in both rural and non-rural areas, with greater reductions observed in rural areas. One study using a contingent valuation survey finds that respondent willingness to pay for large-scale solar developments is a function of prior land use, where brownfield solar developments are more desirable than greenfield developments (Lang et al., 2021). Both Jarvis (2021) and Abashidze (2019) find no evidence of heterogeneity in home price impacts by income or other socio-economic indicators.

The mixed results to date in the LSPVP and property value literature motivates studies that look at previously understudied geographies to develop a more comprehensive view of the possible property value impacts of LSPVPs. The existing literature also orients us to relevant heterogeneity analyses, including heterogeneity by prior land use. We extend this literature by looking at a more specific set of prior land uses beyond greenfield and brownfield, as well as by looking at heterogeneity of effects by LSPVP size and urbanicity.

3. Methods

3.1. Data

This project utilized five major sources of data, shown on the leftmost side of Fig. 1. First, to characterize and locate LSPVPs, we utilized the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Form 860 (U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2021b), which provides latitude-longitude data on solar plants, their installed capacities (in megawatts, MW), and their operation start date. We kept only solar plants within the study area with an installed capacity over 1 MW and eliminated rooftop installations, leaving us with 1,630 solar plants. Second, to understand the impact of prior LSPVP land use on property values, we used land use data from the United States Geological Survey (USGS)'s Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics (MRLC) Consortium's National Land Cover Database (NLCD) from 2006 (Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium, 2006). Third, for information about home sales, we used transaction data from CoreLogic (CoreLogic, n.d.), which provided information on location, property characteristics and transaction characteristics. We filtered this dataset for only relevant, complete records; the criteria used to screen data are outlined in Table A.1. Fourth, to identify amenities or disamenities (herein referred to as A/D), or landscape characteristics that could positively or negatively impact the price of a home, we used the data sources summarized in Table A.2. Finally, to understand the impact of urbanicity on property value impacts, we used the U.S. Census Bureau's (U.S. Census Bureau, n. d.) urban-urban cluster-rural classification (a metric based on population density, where urban areas are the most dense, followed by urban clusters, then rural areas). These data sources were validated and combined to produce a final analytic dataset. Fig. 1 graphically depicts the data preparation steps, which we describe below.

Step 1: To obtain a polygon representation of each LSPVP from the EIA point data, we first verified installation locations using satellite imagery from Esri and DigitalGlobe and revised project centroid coordinates where necessary. We manually drew polygons around the boundaries of each LSPVP based on satellite imagery; for projects that consisted of multiple, non-contiguous groups of panels, we drew a multipart polygon around the boundaries of each group of panels. We calculated a construction start year for each LSPVP, assuming construction begins one year before the EIA-provided operation start date. Fig. A.1 shows an example of two LSPVPs and their corresponding polygons; Fig. 2 shows the location of LSPVP sites as well as the density of transacted homes for the six states in the study area.

Additionally, in this step we determined the predominant prior land use type of each LSPVP. We first determined the distribution of prior land cover types by area for each LSPVP; each LSPVP polygon is composed of some proportion of the NLCD land cover classes shown in the right-most column of Table 1 (15 of the 16 possible NLCD classes showed up in our sample). Each LSPVP's distribution of NLCD classes was grouped and summed as per the left-most column of Table 1, and each LSPVP was assigned the predominant prior land use type that constituted 50% or more of its land cover. If no single predominant prior land use type accounted for 50% or more of an LSPVP's prior land cover by area, that LSPVP was assigned a predominant prior land use type of "mixed".² Fig. 3 shows (a) the proportion of displaced LSPVP area and

² For instance, a solar installation on land that was, in 2006, 15% barren land, 25% cultivated crops, 25% herbaceous, and 35% hay/pasture, would be generalized as 60% agriculture and 40% greenfield, and would be given the predominant prior land use type of "agriculture". A solar installation on land that was, in 2006, 15% barren land, 25% developed, high intensity, 25% herbaceous, and 35% hay/pasture, would be generalized as 35% agriculture, 40% greenfield, and 25% brownfield, a would be assigned the predominant prior land use type of "mixed", because no single category amounted to greater than 50%.


Grouping of NLCD classes into predominant land use types; LSPVPs are assigned a predominant prior land use of "mixed" if their area does not contain 50% or more of the NLCD classes within a single predominant prior land use type.

Predominant prior land use type	NLCD classes
Agriculture Brownfield	Cultivated Crops; Hay/Pasture Developed, High Intensity; Developed, Low Intensity; Developed. Medium Intensity
Greenfield	Barren land; Deciduous forest; Developed, Open Space; Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands; Evergreen Forest; Herbaceous; Mixed Forest; Open Water; Shrub/Scrub; Woody Wetlands

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Transaction count by state in final analytic dataset.

State	Number of transactions		
CA	933,037		
CT	34,313		
MA	291,325		
MN	75,394		
NC	204,134		
NJ	297,756		
6 state total	1,835,961		

(b) the proportion of transactions near LSPVPs by predominant prior land use type.

Step 2: For each home we calculated the geodesic distance to the polygon boundary of the nearest LSPVP and to all A/D locations. We also



Fig. 2. Heat map of transacted home density within 5 miles of LSPVP sites in individual states.



Fig. 3. Distribution of predominant prior land use by (a) LSPVP area and (b) number of homes near LSPVPs.

determined underlying A/D characteristics, where appropriate, such as flood zone status and road/airport sound levels. Finally, we determined the urbanicity of each home's location. Fig. 4 shows the distribution of homes by state and urban, urban cluster, or rural designation.

Step 3: We validated the coordinates of select homes³ that were sited near LSPVPs or A/D using the Google Geocoding API (Google Maps Platform, n.d.), which takes as input an address and returns a set of coordinates as well as a precision indicator. We dropped from our analysis any home transactions where there was inconsistency in the coordinates between CoreLogic and the Google Geocoding API. For some homes, we replaced the CoreLogic coordinates with coordinates from the Google Geocoding API where Google returned a high precision indicator.⁴

Step 4: Given validated coordinates and distances, we retained only the home transactions that were suitable for use in the final analysis. Specifically, we eliminated (1) properties that host a LSPVP (i.e. their coordinates fall within the boundaries of a LSPVP polygon), (2) properties that are over four miles away from a LSPVP, and (3) properties that transacted over 6 years before or after the operation start date of a LSPVP. We also calculated three sets of key values used in the analysis: the transaction's project cohort, LSPVP distance bin, and years since LSPVP construction.

The project cohort refers to the unique ID of the LSPVP that is nearest to a home transaction within 4 miles, and for which the operation start date occurred up to 6 years before or after a LSPVP began construction. If a given transaction belonged to more than one cohort, we retained only the nearest project cohort for that transaction.⁵ The distance between the transacted home and the nearest LSPVP was binned into 4 categories: [0 mi, 0.5 mi), [0.5 mi, 1 mi), [1 mi, 2 mi), and [2 mi, 4 mi]. To calculate the number of years since LSPVP construction, we subtracted the LSPVP year of construction start from the sale year (recall that the construction start year is assumed to be the operation start year minus 1 year). The years since LSPVP construction were categorized into 1-year bins (i.e. a sale occurred [-5 years, -4 years), [-4 years, -3years), ...,[5 years, 6 years), [6 years, 7 years] since LSPVP construction). Our final analytic dataset consists of 1,836,053 transactions near 1,522 different LSPVPs.

Table 2 and Fig. 5 summarize the number of transactions, and the number and size of LSPVPs, respectively, by state. The final dataset contains a number of continuous and categorical property and transaction characteristics (e.g. sale price, sale year, number of bathrooms). Summary statistics for those continuous variables are shown in Table 3 for all six states; summary statistics for individual states are shown in Table A.3 to Table A.8. The categorical property characteristic variables are listed in Table A.9. Finally, Fig. 6 shows the total number of transactions within each distance bin by years since LSPVP construction and indicates that the sample has a robust set of transactions in all distance bins throughout the full sample period. While the home-level transaction data used in this study is protected by a non-disclosure agreement and cannot be made publicly available, our dataset of LSPVP locations and associated sizes and prior land uses is available on Github (Elmallah et al., 2022).

 $^{^3}$ We selected properties that were <0.5 miles from an LSPVP or A/D; within a flood zone with at least 1% chance of flooding, or within an area with road or aviation noise exceeding 55 dB. Of the properties that satisfied these conditions, only those with an area greater than 1 acre or those with missing or non-unique coordinates were validated.

⁴ We dropped home transactions from our analysis if the difference between the coordinates provided by the Google Geocoding API and CoreLogic was greater than 2 times the distance between that home and its nearest PV plant or A/D. We additionally dropped any duplicate coordinates within 0.5 mi of a PV plant. Where the Google Geocoding API returned a "rooftop" precision indicator, we replaced the CoreLogic coordinates with Google coordinates; for those homes, we recalculated distances to LSPVP and A/D using the process described in Step 2.

⁵ In other words, if transaction T_1 is 0.5 miles from *LSPVP*₁ and 2 miles from *LSPVP*₂, and transacted within 6 years of the operation start date of both *LSPVP*₁ and *LSPVP*₂, we consider transaction T_1 to belong to the *LSPVP*₁ project cohort.



Fig. 4. Distribution of urban, urban cluster, and rural classifications by number of home transactions.



Fig. 5. Distribution of (a) capacity in MW AC and (b) ground-mount area in m^2 of unique LSPVPs in analysis dataset by state. Line represents median value; box limits represent 1st to 3rd quartiles; whiskers represent 4x the inter-quartile range.

3.2. Model specifications

3.2.1. Base difference-in-difference model

To examine the relationship between LSPVPs and residential property values we utilized a difference-in-differences (DiD) identification strategy that relates the timing of treatment (being close to an LSPVP post construction) to home prices for homes located [0 mi, 0.5 mi), [0.5 mi, 1 mi), and [1 mi, 2 mi) away from a LSPVP. Specifically, we first created 1,522 unique datasets, each representing a unique LSPVP and the residential home transactions that occurred within four miles of the LSPVP and transacted within 6 years before or after the first year of operation of the LSPVP. We call each of these unique datasets a "project cohort." We then stacked the 1,522 project cohorts to create our final analytic dataset and specify a stacked difference-in-differences specification of the following form:

$$ln(P_{icdjqt}) = \beta T_{idt} + X_i \alpha + \delta_{dc} + \lambda_{tc} + \rho_{qc} + \varphi_j + \varepsilon_{icdjqt}$$
(1)

The dependent variable in (1) is the natural log of sales price P for

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Table 3

Summary of dependent variables and property and transaction characteristics in full analysis dataset.

Variable	Description	Mean	Std. dev.	Min.	Med.	Max.
Sp	Sale price (\$)	\$406,552.22	\$340,123.75	\$5050.00	\$321,000.00	\$3,998,000.00
Lsp Lsf	Living area (ft ²)	1936.53	1002.05	8.55 102	1720.00	15.2 120,215.00
acres	Land area (acres)	0.455	0.873	0.006	0.19	14.14
Age	Age of home at time of sale (years)	44.08	30.86	0	40	212
agesq	Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²)	2895.66	3708.86	0	1600.00	44,944.00
salesqtr	Quarter of sale	2.27	0.87	1	2	4
salesyr	Year of sale	2015	3	2003	2015	2020



Fig. 6. Count of transactions in final analysis dataset by distance between transacted home and nearest LSPVP.

residential home transaction *i* that belongs to a project cohort *c* within distance bin d and census block group j, that transacted in quarter q of year t. T_{idt} is a vector consisting of 3 distance bin indicators for homes located [0 mi, 0.5 mi), [0.5 mi, 1 mi), [1 mi, 2 mi) from a LSPVP, where each distance bin is interacted with an indicator for whether the home sale occurred after LSPVP construction. The omitted category for the distance bin indicators is homes located 2 to 4 miles from a LSPVP. δ_{dc} , λ_{tc} and ρ_{qc} are, respectively, distance bin-by-project cohort fixed effects (FEs), transaction year-by-project cohort FEs and transaction quarterby-project cohort FEs. φ_i is a vector of census block group FEs, and ε_{icdigt} is a random disturbance term. Finally, X_i is a vector of individual home characteristics including living square footage, land area, the age of the home at the time of sale, age squared, the number of full bathrooms and stories, the type of air conditioning (AC) and heating, the construction type and exterior wall type of the home, indicators for fireplaces and new construction, the type of garage, and the type of view a home has. The standard errors in (1) are clustered at the project cohort level.

The coefficients of primary interest in (1) are the β s which represent the DiD estimates of the effect of treatment (being close to an LSPVP post construction) on home prices for homes located [0 mi, 0.5 mi), [0.5 mi, 1 mi), and [1 mi, 2 mi) away from an LSPVP, respectively. Our DiD identification strategy is both transparent and intuitive. Specifically, each of the 1,522 project cohorts represents a unique quasi-experiment where the treatment group is homes located within [0 mi, 0.5 mi), [0.5 mi, 1 mi), and [1 mi, 2 mi) from a LSPVP and the control group is homes located 2 to 4 miles from a LSPVP. For each of these 1,522 quasiexperiments, our DiD framework then compares the sale price of homes located close to a LSPVP to the sale price of homes located farther away before and after LSPVP construction. The inclusion of distance binby-project cohort FEs, δ_{dc} , transaction year-by-project cohort FEs, λ_{tc} , and transaction quarter-by-project cohort FEs, ρ_{qc} , imply that our estimates are identified based only on within-project cohort variation in sale prices and distance from a LSPVP. Our coefficients of primary interest, β s, therefore represent the average treatment effect over the 1,522 quasi-experiments for homes located within each of our specified distance bins.

Another advantage of our stacked DiD framework is that it avoids the potential biases that can arise in standard DiD and event study models in the presence of staggered timing of treatment with heterogeneous treatment effects. Specifically, several recent studies have shown that DiD specifications relying on the staggered timing of treatment for identification may be biased in the presence of heterogeneous treatment effects due to the contamination of treatment effects from early versus later adopters from other relative time periods (Callaway and Sant'Anna, 2021; Goodman-Bacon, 2021; Sun and Abraham, 2021). As discussed by Cengiz et al. (2019) and Goodman-Bacon (2021), our stacked DiD model avoids this potential source of bias by ensuring that treatment effects are based only on within-project cohort comparisons.

3.2.2. Robustness checks

We investigated the robustness of the base model given by (1) to the choice of spatial FEs, time FEs, and treatment and control categories with three alternative specifications. Our first robustness check added a distance bin for homes located within 0.25 miles of a LSPVP. Specifically, we augmented the distance bins in (1) to include four (rather than three) indicators for homes located in the [0 mi, 0.25 mi), 6 [0.25 mi, 0.5 mi), [0.5 mi, 1 mi), and [1 mi, 2 mi) distance bins; the indicator equals 1 if a transaction occurred within that distance bin in the same year or after LSPVP construction started, and 0 otherwise. This specification allows us to investigate the presence of a home price effect at even

⁶ A total of 6,252 transactions occurred both within 0.25 mi of an LSPVP and after that LSPVP was constructed.

smaller distances. In our second robustness check we replaced the yearby-project cohort and quarter-by-project cohort FEs in the base model by a single vector of quarter-by-year-by-project cohort FEs to allow for more granular trending of home values across quarters and years. In our third robustness check we added the vector of A/D variables, consisting of distance and value bins described in section 3.1 to account for any potential correlation between the A/D variables and the timing and location of a LSPVP that may bias our base model estimates.⁷

3.2.3. Event study model

In addition to the base model specification in (1), we specified an event-study model, which allowed us to test the parallel trends assumption underlying the difference-in-differences model and to allow treatment effects to evolve non-parametrically post-construction. Specifically, we estimated a model of the following form:

$$\ln(P_{icdjqtk}) = \sum_{k=-5}^{7} T_{k,idt}\gamma_k + X_i\kappa + \delta_{dc} + \lambda_{tc} + \rho_{qc} + \varphi_j + \eta_{icdjqtk}$$
(2)

where $T_{k,idt}$ represents a series of lead and lag indicators for when a LSPVP began construction for each of the three distance bins defined in (1). We re-centered $T_{k,idt}$ so that $T_{0,idt}$ always equals one in the year the LSPVP began construction. We included a series of indicators from 1 to 5 years prior to a LSPVP being constructed ($T_{-5,idt}$ to $T_{-1,idt}$), and a series of indicators for 1–7 years after construction ($T_{1,idt}$ to $T_{7,idt}$). The omitted category for our treatment indicators (i.e. the reference year for all estimates) is the year of construction start for a LSPVP ($T_{0,idt}$). $\eta_{icdigtk}$ is a random disturbance term and all other terms are as defined in (1).

The coefficients of primary interest in (2) are the $\gamma'_k s$. The estimated coefficients on the lead treatment indicators (γ_{-5} , ..., γ_{-1}) indicate whether the parallel trends assumption, which underlies all causal claims based on DiD models, appears to hold. Specifically, if LSPVP installation induces exogenous changes in home values, these lead treatment indicators should be small in magnitude and statistically insignificant, implying that the price of homes located close to a LSPVP (within 2 miles) were trending in a similar way to homes located farther away (2 to 4 miles) prior to LSPVP construction. The lagged treatment indicators (γ_1 , ..., γ_7) allow the effect of distance to a LPSVP on home prices to evolve over time in the post treatment period in a non-parametric way.

3.2.4. Heterogeneity analyses

We conduct four heterogeneity analyses using the baseline model given by (1). First, we examined potential heterogeneity across states by estimating (1) separately for each of the six states in our sample. Second, we investigated the relationship between prior LSPVP land use and property value impacts by dividing our sample into four groups: home transactions near LSPVPs that were predominantly agricultural, greenfield, brownfield, or mixed land use prior to LSPVP construction. Third, we investigated the relationship between urbanicity and property value impacts by dividing our sample into one of the following U.S. Census Bureau designations: urban, urban clusters, or rural. Finally, we investigated the relationship between project size (area in square meters) and property values by applying the base model (1) to two subsets of the data: home transactions near LSPVPs below the 50th percentile of LSPVP areas and above the 50th percentile of LSPVP areas, where the 50th percentile is calculated from the set of unique LSPVPs in our sample.

4. Results

4.1. Base model and robustness check results

Table 4 shows results for the base model given by (1) and the robustness checks described above. As shown in column 1, we find an average 1.5% reduction in house prices for homes within 0.5 miles of a LSPVP that transacted post-LSPVP construction, and an average 0.82% reduction in home prices for homes 0.5-1 mi away from a LSPVP. Both estimates are statistically significant at the 5 percent level or better. As shown in column 2, we additionally find an average 2.3% reduction in home prices within 0.25 mi of a LSPVP. In both models, the estimated treatment effects for homes located 1 to 2 miles from a LSPVP are quite small in magnitude and statistically insignificant, suggesting that the impact of LSPVPs on home values fades relatively quickly with distance from a LSPVP. Further, all effects are monotonically ordered from closest distances to further away, which meets a priori expectations and provides us additional confidence in the model. As shown in columns 3 and 4 of Table 4, altering the time FEs by including quarter-by-year-byproject cohort FEs or controlling for other A/D does not notably alter the estimates from the base model.

4.2. Event study results

In Fig. 7 we present results from our event study specification given by (2), with coefficient estimates of our three distance bins shown as lines, and 95% confidence intervals shaded in similar colors. Homes located 2-4 miles from a LSPVP are once again the omitted category. Despite some noise in the estimates based on sales that occurred four or five years prior to LSPVP construction, in general there is very little evidence that home values were trending lower prior to the construction of a LSPVP: all of the estimated pre-treatment effects are small in magnitude and statistically insignificant. The lack of differential trending prior to the installation of a LSPVP provides evidence that our main identification assumption-the parallel trends assumption-holds. Fig. 7 also shows a relatively clear decline in home values that starts shortly after the beginning of LSPVP construction and continues up to six years post construction. The negative impact of LSPVPs on home values is particularly pronounced for homes located 0 to 0.5 miles from a LSPVP where we see home values declining by 4 percent six years after LSPVP construction.⁸

4.3. Heterogeneity analyses results

Fig. 8 shows results from all the heterogeneity analyses alongside the base model results; for ease of visualization, only the coefficients and 95% confidence interval for the 0–0.5 distance bin are shown, while Table 5 through Table 8 show more detailed results for each heterogeneity analysis. As shown in Table 5, which shows base model results for individual states, changes in sales price are not statistically significant for CA, CT, and MA. However, MN, NC, and NJ, show a statistically significant negative effect of 4%–5.6%, more than double that of the average across all states in the base model. In Table 6, where we examine potential heterogeneity by predominant prior land use of the nearest LSPVP, we find that statistically significant home value reductions are only observed for homes nearest to LSPVPs that are sited on previously

 $^{^7\,}$ For A/D distance bins, the omitted category is [2 mi, 4 mi) from a home; for noise levels, the omitted category is the <45 dB category; for flood zone, the omitted category is the missing category.

⁸ When investigating results for individual states, both for the event study (section 3.2.3) and the heterogeneity analyses (section 3.2.4), our results largely agreed with the results for the full 6 state sample. However, our individual state estimates suffer from small sample sizes in individual time and distance categories for the event study and in individual subcategories for the heterogeneity analyses, so results are less reliable. Therefore, we do not present them in this paper. Results for individual states are available upon request from the authors.

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Table 4

Average effect of LSPVP construction and proximity on home prices for all six states. Standard errors are clustered at the project cohort level and are in parentheses. Significance levels: ***p < 0.01, **p < 0.05, *p < 0.1

Dependent variable: the logarithm of house prices	Base model (1)	Including 0–0.25 mi distance bin	Including quarter-year-project cohort FEs	Including amenities and disamenities vector
 Distance between home and LSPVP: [0 mi, 0.25 mi) Distance between home and LSPVP: [0.25 mi, 0.5 mi) Distance between home and LSPVP: [0 mi, 0.5 mi) Distance between home and LSPVP: [0 mi, 1 mi) Distance between home and LSPVP: [1 mi, 2 mi) Home characteristics Distance-project cohort FEs Sale year-project cohort FEs Sale quarter-project cohort FEs Sale year-sale quarter-project cohort FEs Amenities and disamenities 	-0.0154** (0.00630) -0.00820** (0.00413) -0.000841 (0.00226) \$\textstyle{2}\$ \$\textstyle{2}\$ \$\text	-0.0226*** (0.00767) -0.0133** (0.00641) -0.00820** (0.00413) -0.000841 (0.00226) \$\times\$	-0.0171*** (0.00642) -0.00941** (0.00424) -0.00179 (0.00234) ✓	-0.0170*** (0.00589) -0.00987** (0.00403) -0.00131 (0.00225) / / / /
Observations R ²	1,832,888 0.835	1,832,888 0.835	1,826,915 0.839	1,778,533 0.835



Fig. 7. Average effect of proximity to LSPVP by year of sale relative to year of LSPVP construction; shaded area represents 95% confidence interval; x-axis label represents lower bound of year range (e.g. -5 refers to all transactions that occurred [-5, -4) years before the construction date of the nearest LSPVP).

agricultural land.9 These findings are consistent with the results in Table 7, which shows that statistically significant effects were only observed for homes located in rural areas. Finally, in Table 8 we examine

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 $^{9}\,$ We also tested the base model for a sample of only homes nearest to LSPVPs on previously forested land (NLCD classes of Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, or Mixed Forest) and found no statistically significant results with p <

potential heterogeneity in property value impacts by the size of a LSPVP project. Specifically, we split the sample based on LSPVP areas and estimate separate models for homes located near LSPVPs that are above or below the median LSPVP area in our sample. Adverse effects are only observed for LSPVPs with an area larger than the median area of all



Fig. 8. Results from base model as well as each heterogeneity analysis, showing average effect of LSPVP construction and proximity for homes 0–0.5 mi away from nearest LSPVP. Range of change in price represents the 95th percent confidence interval.

Table 5

Effect of LSPVP construction and proximity on home prices in individual states, using base model specification. Standard errors are clustered at the project cohort level and are in parentheses. Significance levels: ***p < 0.01, **p < 0.05, *p < 0.1

Dependent variable: the logarithm of house prices	CA	СТ	MA	MN	NC	NJ
Distance between home and LSPVP: [0 mi, 0.5 mi)	0.00899	0.0161	-0.0144	-0.0395**	-0.0576***	-0.0559***
	(0.0106)	(0.0314)	(0.00892)	(0.0174)	(0.0148)	(0.0114)
Distance between home and LSPVP: [0.5 mi, 1 mi)	0.000849	0.0234	-0.00933**	-0.0209**	-0.0473***	-0.0135*
	(0.00696)	(0.0150)	(0.00469)	(0.00932)	(0.0118)	(0.00698)
Distance between home and LSPVP: [1 mi, 2 mi)	0.00296	0.0186**	-0.00190	-0.0108*	-0.0117**	-0.00487
	(0.00384)	(0.00786)	(0.00319)	(0.00625)	(0.00570)	(0.00331)
Observations	931,735	34,135	291,403	74,905	203,005	297,677
R ²	0.881	0.774	0.777	0.708	0.735	0.751

Table 6

Average effect of LSPVP construction and proximity on home prices by predominant prior land use of nearest LSPVP to home, using base model specification. Standard errors are clustered at the project cohort level and are in parentheses. Significance levels: ***p < 0.01, **p < 0.05, *p < 0.1

Dependent variable: the logarithm of house prices	Greenfield	Agricultural	Brownfield	Mixed
Distance between home and LSPVP: [0 mi, 0.5 mi) Distance between	-0.00646 (0.00960) -0.000991	-0.0302*** (0.0107) -0.0202***	0.0122 (0.0159) -0.00909	-0.0439 (0.0445) -0.00679
home and LSPVP: [0.5 mi, 1 mi)	(0.00480)	(0.00629)	(0.0170)	(0.0342)
Distance between home and LSPVP: [1 mi, 2 mi)	0.000836 (0.00248)	-0.00408 (0.00498)	-0.00483 (0.00739)	-0.000377 (0.0191)
Observations R ²	1,074,492 0.843	577,769 0.833	147,951 0.860	12,987 0.828

Table 7

Average effect of LSPVP construction and proximity on home prices by home urban, urban cluster, or rural designation, using base model specification. Standard errors are clustered at the project cohort level and are in parentheses. Significance levels: ***p < 0.01, **p < 0.05, *p < 0.1

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Dependent variable: the logarithm of house prices	Rural	Urban cluster	Urban
Distance between home and LSPVP: [0 mi, 0.5 mi)	-0.0418***	0.0324	-0.00350
	(0.0156)	(0.0524)	(0.00619)
Distance between home and LSPVP:	-0.0201*	0.0221	-0.00342
[0.5 mi, 1 mi)	(0.0119)	(0.0316)	(0.00437)
Distance between home and LSPVP: [1	0.00775	-0.00597	0.00137
mi, 2 mi)	(0.00613)	(0.00896)	(0.00222)
Observations	151,792	79,279	1,592,715
R ²	0.803	0.785	0.845

Table 8

Average effect of LSPVP construction and proximity on home prices by area of LSPVP, using base model specification. Standard errors are clustered at the project cohort level and are in parentheses. Significance levels: ***p < 0.01, **p < 0.05, *p < 0.1

Dependent variable: the logarithm of house prices	LSPVP area < 50th percentile of area (75,138 m ²)	LSPVP area \ge 50th percentile of area (75,138 m ²)
Distance between home and LSPVP: [0 mi, 0.5 mi)	-0.00737 (0.00694)	-0.0305** (0.0138)
Distance between home and LSPVP: [0.5 mi, 1 mi)	-0.00483 (0.00521)	-0.0166** (0.00684)
Distance between home and LSPVP: [1 mi, 2 mi)	0.00225 (0.00287)	-0.00841** (0.00344)
Observations R ²	1,291,762 0.841	537,189 0.833

unique LSPVPs in our sample¹⁰.

5. Discussion

In this paper, we add to the growing body of research on the impact of LSPVPs on residential home values. By assembling an analysis dataset consisting of transaction data, an original dataset of LSPVP footprints, a suite of environmental amenities and dis-amenities, urbanicity classifications, and historic land cover data, we answer two related research questions.

First, we ask: what effect, if any, do LSPVPs have on residential home prices? Across the six states in the study area, we observe that homes within 0–0.5 mi of an LSPVP that transact after a LSPVP is constructed decline in sale price by an average of 1.5% compared to homes 2–4 mi away. At closer distances of 0–0.25 mi, the average decline in property values is 2.3%. This effect fades at further distances from a LSPVP; we observe a small adverse effect for homes 0.5–1 mi away of 0.8%, and no evidence of an effect at distances beyond 1 mi. Our estimates are robust to choices of time FEs and we control for other landscape characteristics that could impact property values. Our results are consistent with some prior literature (Dröes and Koster, 2021; Gaur and Lang, 2020) that find an overall adverse impact of LSPVP construction on property values.

Second, we ask: does the effect of LSPVPs on home prices differ based on the state, the prior land use on which a LSPVP is located, the size of the LSPVP, or the urbanicity of a home? When looking at individual states in our sample, we observe no effect on sales prices in CA, CT, and MA, but find sale price reductions for homes 0-0.5 mi away from a LSPVP of 4%, 5.8%, and 5.6% in MN, NC, and NJ, respectively. In those states where we do observe sale price reductions, the effect fades as distances from an LSPVP increases, as with the full 6 state model. When separating transactions by the prior land use and the area of the LSPVP to which they are closest, as well as by the urbanicity of the home, we observe statistically significant effects only for transactions near LSPVPs sited on previously agricultural land, transactions in rural areas, and transactions near larger LSPVPs by area. We observe decreases of 3%, 4.2%, and 3.1% for homes within 0-0.5 mi of LSPVPs on previously agricultural land, in rural areas, or near large LSPVPs, respectively, compared to homes 2-4 mi away. In all three cases, these effects fade with distance from a LSPVP. We observe no statistically significant effect of LSPVP construction and proximity on home prices in other categories for land use (greenfield, brownfield, or mixed land use sites), urbanicity (urban or urban cluster regions), or LSPVP area (where areas fall below the median LSPVP area in our dataset). Looking at the heterogeneity results by land use and urbanicity may help us understand the heterogeneity we observe by state: the states where we observe no statistically significant difference in sales price (in CA, CT, and MA) are also the states with lower proportions of LSPVP development on agricultural land (Fig. 3). CA additionally has very few transactions in rural areas (Fig. 4).

Our heterogeneity analyses show that the property value impacts of LSPVP development are highly contextual, and reinforce scholarly arguments that research on public support for solar energy should consider both project scale and proposed locations (Nilson and Stedman, 2022). Specifically, our results point to the importance of understanding the perceptions, economic impacts, and social dynamics of larger solar developments, rural developments, and developments built on previously agricultural land. Broader social science scholarship can contextualize these results: for instance, researchers have theorized that the siting of renewable energy in rural areas can counter personal, cultural, and political representations and understandings of rural landscapes (Batel et al., 2015). Our observed heterogeneity may reflect how large, agricultural, or rural developments potentially conflict more directly with those representations than smaller, non-agricultural, or urban developments. Furthermore, our results with respect to land use connect to an emerging literature on the co-location of solar and agriculture: surveys show that residents in agricultural communities are more likely to support solar development that integrates agricultural production (Pascaris et al., 2022), though scholarly reviews note that our understanding of perceptions of solar-agricultural systems remains limited (Mamun et al., 2022).

6. Limitations and future work

A key limitation of our research approach is that we consider only one aspect of the economic impacts of LSPVPs: property values. The impacts of local energy development are also shaped by local tax revenue and employment impacts, which have consistently been found to result in positive benefits (Brunner et al., 2021; Brunner and Schwegman, 2022a, 2022b), as well as by LSPVP ownership structures. This implies that homeowners can and do capitalize the positive impacts of renewable energy into home prices. Because this analysis compared home prices between homes around the same projects, any differences in value as compared to homes not near any LSPVP, and thus not subject to local tax or employment impacts, would have remained undiscovered. Furthermore, to the extent that property value changes reflect the revealed preferences of residents, they only reflect the preferences of the subset of residents who are homeowners. Where homeownership rates are lower - largely in urban areas, but in an increasing portion of rural areas as well (Pendall et al., 2016) - property value changes may not reflect the preferences of neighbors to the extent that they do where homeownership rates are higher. Considering these varied economic impacts would necessitate methodologies and data collection beyond the hedonic DiD analysis used in this paper.

These limitations suggest two major avenues for future work. First, more research attention is needed on the economic impacts of LSPVPs, broadly understood to encompass dimensions such as tax revenue, ownership structures, or employment. Added research on the local economic impacts of LSPVPs can position our findings on the average adverse impact of LSPVP development on home prices in a broader context of economic benefits and burdens due to LSPVP development. Second, more research is needed to understand the heterogeneity that we observe with respect to larger, agricultural, and rural LSPVPs. Here, surveys, qualitative research, mixed-methods, and case study-based approaches may indicate how neighbors of LSPVPs engage differently with their nearby solar installation based on its size, land use, or the

 $^{^{10}}$ We also tested the base model for two additional samples: homes near very large LSPVPs (areas greater than the 75th percentile of areas of unique LSPVPs in our sample) and near very small LSPVPs (areas below the 25th percentile of areas of unique LSPVPs in our sample). For both subsets of our data, we found no statistically significant results with $\rm p < 0.1.$

urbanicity of their home.

7. Conclusion and policy implications

This paper provides some of the first comprehensive evidence on the impact of LSPVPs on residential home values. Specifically, we ask: (1) what effect, if any, do LSPVPs have on residential home prices and (2) does the effect of LSPVPs on home prices differ based on the prior land use on which an LSPVP is located, the size of the LSPVP, or the urbanicity of a home? In our six-state study area (CA, CT, MA, MN, NC, NJ), we find that homes within 0.5 mi of LSPVP experience an average home price reduction of 1.5% compared to homes 2–4 mi away; statistically significant effects are not measurable over 1 mi from a LSPVP. These effects are only measurable in certain states (MN, NC, and NJ), for LSPVPs constructed on agricultural land, for larger LSPVPs, and for rural homes.

Our study extends the existing literature in three ways. First, we consider a larger sample, both in terms of transactions and LSPVPs, than prior studies. Our six-state study area encompasses 53% of the total MW nameplate capacity of PV generators in the U.S., and our analysis included evidence from over 1,500 LSPVPs and over 1.8 million home transactions. The scope of our dataset allows us to provide average impact estimates for a much larger set of LSPVP projects within the United States. Second, to our knowledge, our study is the first study on LSPVP property values impacts to use a dataset of LSPVP footprints (as opposed to point locations or approximations of LSPVP area using circular buffers). By constructing and using footprint data, we can more precisely assess the land area and prior land use of LSPVPs, as well as reduce measurement error when calculating distances between homes and a LSPVP. Finally, we employ a stacked DiD specification with binby-project cohort FEs, which not only advances the methodology used for this type of analysis but also addresses recent concerns over DiD specifications that rely on staggered timing of treatment.

Our findings have two main policy implications. First, they point to the need for policy and development measures to ameliorate possible negative impacts of LSPVP development in some contexts. Our results suggest that there are adverse property value impacts of LSPVP construction for homes very close to a LSPVP and those predominantly in rural agricultural settings around larger projects. But we find that most impacts fade at distances greater than 1 mile from a LSPVP. In some cases – for homes near large LSPVPs, and in the states of MN and NC – negative effects persist at distances greater than 1 mile but are smaller than they are at nearer distances to a LSPVP. These results suggest that care should be taken in siting LSPVPs near homes in some contexts. Developers or policymakers considering siting LSPVPs very close to homes have several tools to employ, such as compensation schemes with neighbors and landscape measures like vegetative screening.

Second, the heterogeneity analyses reveal the importance of place and project-specific assessments of LSPVP development practices. Although we find adverse impacts of LSPVP construction on property values overall, we notably find no evidence of impacts in three states in our study area – including in CA, which alone accounts for over half of the transactions in our dataset. On the other hand, we do see evidence of adverse property value impacts of LSPVPs in the other three states in our dataset – including in MN, despite MN having arguably the most restrictive state-wide laws on LSPVP development in high-value agricultural areas of the states in our study area (Bergan, 2021). While our sample for individual states was too small to conclusively explore heterogeneity within states, our overall heterogeneity analysis suggests that adverse impacts of LSPVP development are present specifically in rural areas, where LSPVP displaces agricultural land uses, and where LSPVP installations are larger. For policy-makers, this heterogeneity may point to the importance of carefully considering siting strategies for rural, large, or agricultural installations – for instance, by exploring ways to co-locate agricultural land uses and solar development. However, this heterogeneity does not mean that economic impacts are negligible where property value impacts were insignificant (CA, CT, MN, as well as urban, non-agricultural, and smaller developments): as discussed in section 6, many economic impacts remain undiscovered by our methodology, some of which might increase home values, and future policy-relevant research is needed to understand the economic impacts of LSPVPs, broadly construed.

By combining a novel dataset of LSPVP footprints with home transaction data, our analysis provides comprehensive evidence that LSPVPs have an average adverse effect on home prices, but notably shows that these impacts are not uniform across geographies, land uses, or LSPVP size. In doing so, we contribute to the emerging literature on the economic impacts of LSPVPs and point to important avenues for future policy discussions and research.

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Appendix

Table A.1

Retention criteria for transactions

Condition for retention	Rationale
Coordinate values are populated	Coordinates are needed to obtain distances between homes and LSPVP, amenities, and dis- amenities
Land area, year built, and home square footage are populated	Land area, year built, and home square footage are essential property characteristics to control for in analysis
Coordinates appear 20 times or less	Repeated, identical coordinates for multiple properties may indicate data quality issue
Property type is residential (including single family residence, condominium, duplex, apartment)	Analysis only considers homes (i.e. residential properties) sold in arms length transactions after the year 2000
Transaction is categorized as arms length	
Year of sale between 2000 and 2021	
Sale amount is greater than \$5000 or the 1st percentile of sale price (whichever value is higher) and less than the 99th percentile of sale amount values within a given state	Removing outliers from analysis
Sale amount per unit area of living space is greater than the 1st percentile and less than the 99th percentile of sale amount per unit area of living space values within a given state	
Land area is greater than the 1st percentile and less than the 99th percentile of land area values within a given state	
Property was built before 2020, and after the 1st percentile of values for year built within a given state	
Sale amount is greater than the mortgage amount, or mortgage amount is missing	Any other relationship (between sale amount & mortgage amount, land area & living space
Land area is greater than living space area	area, sale year & year built, set of variables representing land area) may indicate data
Age of property (sale year minus year built) is non-negative	quality issues
Both variables representing land area converge within 0.01 acres	
Deed is not categorized as foreclosure	Sale amount in a foreclosure may not accurately represent the value of a home
Sale occurred over one year after last recorded sale for that property	Removes potentially "flipped" homes, or homes that undergo a rapid renovation and are
	re-sold, from dataset; for those homes, characteristics in CoreLogic dataset may not be
	representative of characteristics after renovation
Property address was not determined from mail	Address determined from mail may reflect the address of an absentee owner, not of the physical property location

Amenity and dis-amenity data sources

Amenity/dis-amenity	Data source	Data description	Reference
Aviation noise	U.S. Department of	Raster representing approximate average noise energy due to transportation noise	(U.SDepartment of
Road noise	Transportation	sources over a 24-h period at the receptor locations where noise is computed, expressed in decibels (dB)	Transportation, 2020)
Flood zones	U.S. Federal Emergency	Categorizes areas by likelihood of flood, ranging from minimal risk to 26% chance of	Federal Emergency
	Management Agency	flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage	Management Agency (2021)
Municipal, industrial,	U.S. Department of	Provides locations of active permitted municipal solid waste facilities and construction	Department of Homeland
and transfer landfills	Homeland Security	and demolition debris facilities.	Security (2020)
State and national parks	Esri	Provides boundaries of parks and forests in the United States at the national, state,	Esri (2021)
		regional, and local level	
Nuclear power generation facilities	National Institute of Health	Provides locations of U.S. commercial nuclear power plants	Hochstein and Szczur (2006)
Coal power generation	U.S. Environmental	Facility data (as of 2017) where primary or secondary fuel type is coal-related (e.g.,	(U.S. Environmental
facilities	Protection Agency	Coal, Coal Refuse, and Petroleum Coke).	Protection Agency, 2021)
Coastline	ABB Group	Locations of U.S. coastline, including bays, river outlets, and Great Lakes	ABB Group (2020)
Lakes		Locations of U.S. lakes, represented as polygons	
High-voltage lines		Transmission and distribution lines with a voltage of 100 V or greater, represented as	
		polylines	



Fig. A.1. Satellite imagery showing examples of LSPVP centroids (blue dots) and polygons (yellow shaded areas) near homes including homes that transacted during our study period (pink dots): (a) McGraw-Hill Solar Farm, NJ and (b) Intel Folsom, CA

Table A.3

Summary of dependent variables and property characteristics, CA

Variable	Description	Mean	Std. dev.	Min.	Med.	Max.
Sp	Sale price (\$)	\$457,797.53	\$403,489.03	\$35,500.00	\$350,000.00	\$3,998,000.00
Lsp	log of sale price	12.75	0.75	10.48	12.77	15.2
Lsf	Living area (ft ²)	1868.69	1026.22	102	1654.00	98,694.00
Acres	Land area (acres)	0.336	0.7	0.018	0.165	7.231
Age	Age of home at time of sale (years)	36.94	24.79	0	34	112
Agesq	Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²)	1979.42	2233.94	0	1156.00	12,544.00
Salesqtr	Quarter of sale	2.23	0.88	1	2	4
Salesyr	Year of sale	2014	3	2003	2015	2020

Table A.4

Summary of dependent variables and property characteristics, CT

Variable	Description	Mean	Std. dev.	Min.	Med.	Max.
Sp	Sale price (\$)	\$283,251.18	\$184,202.97	\$36,000.00	\$239,900.00	\$1,640,000.00
Lsp	log of sale price	12.4	0.56	10.49	12.39	14.31
Lsf	Living area (ft ²)	1916.21	951.46	196	1669.00	35,170.00
Acres	Land area (acres)	0.818	1.114	0.07	0.41	9.51
Age	Age of home at time of sale (years)	59.74	33.65	0	58	212
Agesq	Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²)	4700.55	5311.95	0	3364.00	44,944.00
Salesqtr	Quarter of sale	2.32	0.83	1	2	4
Salesyr	Year of sale	2017	2	2011	2018	2020

Table A.5

Summary of dependent variables and property characteristics, MA

Variable	Description	Mean	Std. dev.	Min.	Med.	Max.
Sp	Sale price (\$)	\$428,122.04	\$284,039.71	\$5100.00	\$360,000.00	\$2,199,000.00
Lsp	log of sale price	12.78	0.63	8.54	12.79	14.6
Lsf	Living area (ft ²)	2019.36	961.96	173	1802.00	35,721.00
Acres	Land area (acres)	0.584	0.764	0.03	0.315	6.6
Age	Age of home at time of sale (years)	62.74	38.25	0	58	209
Agesq	Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²)	5399.73	5906.47	0	3364.00	43,681.00
Salesqtr	Quarter of sale	2.35	0.84	1	2	4
Salesyr	Year of sale	2015	3	2005	2016	2020

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Table A.6

Summary of dependent variables and property characteristics, MN

Variable	Description	Mean	Std. dev.	Min.	Med.	Max.
Sp Lsp	Sale price (\$) log of sale price	\$274,027.53 12.38	\$152,774.95 0.56	\$5500.00 8.61	\$240,000.00 12.39	\$1,299,000.00 14.08
Lsf	Living area (ft ²)	1956.58	978.6	155	1740.50	42,840.00
Acres	Land area (acres)	0.612	1.316	0.02	0.26	11.87
Age	Age of home at time of sale (years)	42.03	31.21	0	35	134
Agesq	Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²)	2739.86	3587.53	0	1225.00	17,956.00
Salesqtr	Quarter of sale	2.31	0.82	1	2	4
Salesyr	Year of sale	2016	2	2010	2016	2020

Table A.7

Summary of dependent variables and property characteristics, NC

Variable	Description	Mean	Std. dev.	Min.	Med.	Max.
Sp	Sale price (\$)	\$233,970.66	\$169,170.45	\$5050.00	\$194,000.00	\$1,499,500.00
Lsp	log of sale price	12.12	0.75	8.53	12.18	14.22
Lsf	Living area (ft ²)	2091.02	1110.70	150	1852.00	120,215.00
Acres	Land area (acres)	0.788	1.437	0.021	0.36	14.14
Age	Age of home at time of sale (years)	29.48	24.08	0	22	114
Agesq	Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²)	1448.56	2083.56	0	484	12,996.00
Salesqtr	Quarter of sale	2.26	0.86	1	2	4
Salesyr	Year of sale	2016	3	2004	2016	2020

Table A.8

Summary of dependent variables and property characteristics, NJ

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Variable	Description	Mean	Std. dev.	Min.	Med.	Max.
Sp	Sale price (\$)	\$390,953.28	\$243,373.52	\$5143.00	\$340,000.00	\$1,599,999.00
Lsp	log of sale price	12.68	0.66	8.55	12.74	14.29
Lsf	Living area (ft ²)	1959.42	868.99	160	1786.00	19,176.00
Acres	Land area (acres)	0.393	0.656	0.006	0.185	6.167
Age	Age of home at time of sale (years)	56.92	30.02	0	57	139
Agesq	Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²)	4140.35	3664.38	0	3249.00	19,321.00
Salesqtr	Quarter of sale	2.31	0.86	1	2	4
Salesyr	Year of sale	2014	4	2004	2014	2020
Age Agesq Salesqtr Salesyr	Age of home at time of sale (years) Age of home at time of sale, squared (years ²) Quarter of sale Year of sale	56.92 4140.35 2.31 2014	30.02 3664.38 0.86 4	0 0 1 2004	57 3249.00 2 2014	139 19,321.0 4 2020

Table A.9

Categorical variables representing property characteristics (* = omitted category in regressions)

Variable	Category
Fullbaths	Number of full bathrooms missing*
	1 full bathroom
	2 full bathrooms
	3 full bathrooms
	4 full bathrooms
	\geq 5 full bathrooms
Actype	Air conditioning code missing*
	Central AC
	AC type unknown
	Refrigeration AC
	Separate AC system
	No AC
	Evaporative AC
	All other types of AC
Constrtype	Construction type missing*
	Wood construction type
	Frame construction type
	Wood metal/frame construction type
	All other construction types
Heattype	Heating type missing*
	Central heat
	Forced air
	Unknown heating type
	Forced hot water
	(continued on next page)

Variable	Category
	Heat pump
	Hot air
	Floor/wall furnace
	No heat
	Steam
	All other heating types
Extwalltype	Exterior wall type missing*
	Stucco
	Frame
	Vinyl
	Aluminum/vinyl
	Wood siding/shingle
	Brick
	Aluminum siding
	Wood siding
	Wood
	All other wall codes
Fireplace	No fireplace indicated*
· r	Fireplace present
Garagecode	Garage type missing*
	Undefined garage type
	Attached
	Attached frame
	Undefined type – 2 car
	Detached
	Finished
	Basement
	Carport
	Undefined type – 1 car
	Frame
	Attached finished
	Attached garage/carport
	All other garage codes
Stories	Number of stories missing*
	0 to 1 stories
	1 to 2 stories
	2 to 3 stories
	>3 stories
View	View category missing*
	Average view
	All other view categories
newconstruction	New construction not indicated*
11CWC011511 (ICH011	new construction not multialed

Table A.9 (continued)

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April 24, 2023

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Dear Ms. Snarski,

Following are my comments regarding the Carriger Solar EFSEC application Land Use Consistency Review submitted by Cypress Creek for the greater Goldendale area. On January 3, 2023, the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution initiating a moratorium on large scale solar permitting in the general area west and south of Goldendale. This land use decision was in response to the possibility of up to 380 megawatts of electricity from industrial solar being sited in the heart of the Klickitat Valley. Siting up to 6000 acres of panels on land zoned agriculture in the heart of an area experiencing steady residential growth would stymie the growth of the Goldendale community and do harm to residents' real estate values. I ask the EFSEC council to deny this permit application for this and other reasons.

Please accept my additional comments and reasoning regarding the Carriger Solar land use application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Barta

Carriger Solar Project Land Use Consistency Review Attachment B Comments

In general, each comment area refers to the numbered item of the applicant.

2.1.15 Public Services Police/Fire

Rebuttal:

CCR states "the applicant will coordinate with the fire district and KCEMD during development and construction." Avangrid's Lund Hill Project, the largest to date in the state, still has a safety plan copied verbatim from a Central Oregon project, including that the nearest hospital for emergencies is in Prineville. The Lund Hill project is about 20 miles east of Goldendale. The CCR application speaks of all the ways safety will be maintained and fires will be suppressed, but as history speaks to the present, every one of these industrial solar sites puts the wires above ground as soon as it becomes difficult to dig. Often the the DC conductors are about 30" above ground, which will impede any fire suppression within the site. Solar sites are not fire suppression friendly.

The Battery Storage system is dealt with even more ambiguously. There is no piece of fire fighting equipment currently in the possession of either Rural 7 or the City of Goldendale that will allow firefighters to reach a battery fire; there is no ladder truck that will accommodate adequate extension. Further, all fire water will have to be delivered by tender, and the pump unit will stay way ahead of the tenders. Turnaround time is simply too long. Further, the average age of rural 7 firefighters is 52 years old. The only full time paid staff are a chief, mechanic, and office manager. Response times in this scenario will exceed 30 minutes, meaning the burning battery will only spread.

CCR must be required to have a complete evacuation plan for all residents living within a five mile radius of the storage site. The plan must be developed with Klickitat County Emergency Management *before* any work on that facility is begun. Industrial solar site developers do not have a track record of following through in a timely manner.

2.1.16-Open spaces

Rebuttal

This +/-2000 acre project will have miles of chain link fence surrounding it. It converts agricultural resource lands to an industrial site. It will absolutely have the opposite effect of open spaces. Impediment of wildlife, the closing off of traditional root gathering areas, and miles of chain link fence will be the actual outcome. The project also abuts the WDFW Goldendale Hatchery site, which has for years been a fall hunting site. What a picture when a rooster flushes and flies south or east straight into chain link fence!

2.1.17-Government

Rebuttal

Nearly all of this land is zoned extensive agriculture or general rural. He applicant says "this project has been designed to be consistent with the adopted Klickitat County Comprehensive Plan and the zoning districts in which it is proposed." A 2000 acre industrial site could not be less consistent with extensive agriculture or general rural. This application shows no consistency with current land use or regulation.

2.1.18-General Land Use Plan

Rebuttal

According to the CCR document and relative to agricultural/forest land, "the purpose and intent of this designation is to retain or conserve, insofar as is practicable and desirable, prime agricultural and forest lands…" The plan put forth by CCR permanently takes the land out of agricultural use. Regardless of how flexible one is in using linguistic gymnastics, once the soil has been removed and thousands of steel stakes driven into the ground, it will never be agriculture again. During public testimony at a recent Klickitat County Planning Commission meeting, Bob Ross stated that these leases will be for 30 years fwith uup to two ten year extensions. Fifty years of industrial solar use ins not cinsistent with current use. That's like claiming that any of the many shopping malls built on the west side of the state in wetlands "are only temporary". They can be removed to return the land to the pond or wetland it once was. It will never happen. Like a quarry, the environmental impacts are simply too great—it can never cease to operate or someone will have to pay to clean it up.

In 2005, the Klickitat County Board of commissioners accepted the planning commission's recommendations on the Energy Overlay Zone by incorporating the planning commission's findings by reference to the county code. In the planning commission's document in 2005, they clearly stated in item 3.2 "Solar energy will likely not be developed to the same extent as wind energy, but like wind, is a clean energy resource. The Planning Commission recommends adopting an EOZ for solar energy." Again, the PC's findings were "incorporated by reference, as if fully set forth herein" by the BOCC at the time.

2.2.1-Title 19—Zoning Ordinance

Rebuttal

CCR's application repeatedly claims to be a "Utility facilit(y) necessary for public service." This characterization is disingenuous at best. "Utility facilities necessary..." clearly refers to transmission lines and substations run by Public Utility District #1 of Klickitat County. Any other reading is dishonest. CCR is a private corporation, not a public entity. Any power its proposed project generates will be sold on the open market, most of which is a thousand miles from Klickitat County. CCR's interpretation of "utility facilities..." has never been an accepted definition by Klickitat County. It is meant to describe PUD powerliines and PUD substations.

No allowance of a conditional use renders this compatible with agriculture. CCR offers this application as if they are the only ones who thought of putting solar in the lap of the Simcoes, in the heart of the Klickitat Valley. They know that Avangrid and Invenergy have already leased additional thousands of acres in the same area. Public records requests for the next set of leased lands have already been submitted by industrial solar develpers . CCR, Avangrid, and Invenergy will effectually eliminate wildlife and eliminate agricultural, zoning, and reasonable rural living in the Klickitat Valley.

Though CCR states they "are no more onerous" than the other allowed uses in a conditionally permitted area, no one considers 6000 acres of quarrying, or 6000 acres of churches, etc. Converse to CCR's statements, this project is not "an activity specified by this title that...subject to reasonable conditions...renders the use compatible with the existing and potential uses in the vicinity..."

KCC 19.18.030

Rebuttal

The "buildings and uses of a public works, public service, or public utility nature" does not apply to industrial solar. Once again, it is intended for public utility district or phone relay buildings. Not thousands of solar panels.

2.2.1.3 Energy Overlay Zone

Rebuttal

In reference to EOZ 19.39.1, this project is clearly not sensitively sited, and it cannot be mitigated. It is sited in the middle of a growing rural residential neighborhood containing about 8,500 citizens.

19.39.8

Rebuttal

The CCR project application quotes the solar setback piece of the EOZ document, which is actually the only place in the 20 odd pages of the EOZ document that solar is discussed. CCR uses the minimum setback, but the EOZ document states "500' to 1500' from existing residential structures" then later in the paragraph, "the nature of the project may require increased setback requirements." CCR lists only the minimum setbacks for non-participating properties as shown on all of their maps. The settlement ordinance of the Klickitat County board of commissioners states 1600 feet from any non-participating residence, wind or solar.

The visual impacts assessment report was done entirely online and at a computer. According to the contractor, none of it was done onsite.

Attachment A-Planning Commission Recommendations incorporated by reference by Klickitat County Board of Commissioners 2005. https://klickitatcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/380/05-04-Planning-Commission-Recommendation Key Element: "Whereas the Attached Planning Commission recommendation is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth therein except for sections stricken as shown..."

Additional work on the EOZ ordinance occurred in 2010 as part of the original settlement agreement. The planning commission's findings can be read in full at

https://klickitatcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/410/10-Klickitat-County-Planning-Commission-EOZ-Decision-and-Recommendation-March-2010- In summary though, the planning commission cited *seven* examples of wind studies and *zero* studies of industrial solar. Item 1.12 in that Planning Commission reconsideration stated: Policy #1: Energy development should be compatible with surrounding land uses (converting ag land to industrial site is not). Policy #3-Energy development that prioritizes wind and solar are preferred and shall be encouraged. These technologies, if sensitively sited, designed and mitigated can be sited without significant adverse environmental impacts. The CCR application is in an area where the project has not been sensitively sited in that it is in the view shed of 8500 residents and obstructs the natural urban growth of the city of Goldendale to the north west.

Stormwater

Rebuttal

At least two square miles of this project drains immediately to the head of Spring Creek immediately east of the fish hatchery. CCR cannot build big enough storm water retention to control erosion that will occur due to large-scale soil disturbance. Flooding equivalent to 1996, not the worst year recorded, may inundate the hatchery with mud and muddy water.

More study needs to be done to determine if in fact the area around the spring is its own aquifer recharge zone. It is not currently listed.

Recent DEQ action in the state of Virginia has resulted in all solar facilities without an operational stormwater plan being declared "impervious surfaces": Read: Under DEQ's new stormwater policy, DEQ will consider solar panels as unconnected impervious areas when performing

post-development water quantity calculations using the hydrologic methods specified in the VSMP Regulation at **9VAC25-870-72**. Further, DEQ will consider solar panels as impervious areas when performing post-development water quality calculations using the Virginia Runoff Reduction Method (VRRM). Reference article: https://www.williamsmullen.com/news/virginia-deq-issues-more-stringent-stormwater-management-policy-solar-projects

The general soil saturation tendency of this area is best shown by this solar contractor's backhoe taken in January of 2021 on the project site just upslope from the Goldendale Fish Hatchery. It is buried in mud up to the belly pan.



Water Resources Rebuttal

Water for construction is stated to be coming from an existing well or surface water water rights. These will require a permit from Dept of Ecology. All water use will be considered commercial as soon as the project starts, removing the 5000 gallon per day exemption and placing it directly under DOE supervision. It is likely that some of the mentioned wells for water use do not have a legal water right for any use other than residential. The Goldendale Hatchery has documented dropping water levels since 2017 or earlier. Two other creeks, North and South Blockhouse have dropped precipitously. South Blockhouse Creek , formerly a fish bearing stream, has gone dry in 1936, 1994, and 2019-22-for three years in a row. This is more than just drought—it's water withdrawals and acquifer depletion. Commercial water removal for a project of this size can only exacerbate that.

Public Safety

Rebuttal

As previously stated, an emergency spill and emergency response plan for battery facilities should be developed and on record with Emergency Management before any construction begins. This is the only way to safeguard citizens from the outset. Also, no local fire agency has the equipment to

control a battery fire, regardless of whether there is an internal suppression system. Local fire jurisdiction are entirely volunteer with only administrative full time employees. Adding to that, the average age for volunteers at Rural 7 in particular is about 52 years old. Geography alone indicates that the response time for the first fire units on scene for fire control will be between 20 and 30 minutes.

2.2.1.5 Chapter 19.60-Adjustments, Variances, and Appeals Rebuttal

Contrary to CCR's claim, the land use consistency review is not "consistent with a 'utility facilities necessary for public service" conditional use. No definition of this type regarding utility facilities permitting has ever been used or permitted by Klickitat County. This project has no compatibility with surrounding land use, primarily extensive agriculture and Rural zone.

Chapter 20.16 Environmental Impact Statement

Rebuttal

Even the settlement agreement to the EOZ states that each individual project shall complete an individual EIS. Claiming this application is only subject to SEPA under EFSEC entirely contradicts the county's ordinance and practice and violates the 2010 Settlement Agreement with named parties. This opens up Klickitat County to lawsuits because of EFSEC action.

Critical Areas Ordinance

Rebuttal

2.3.3 Chapter IV Critical Fish/Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas Rebuttal

Important threatened species information has been redacted and kept from the public, making comment in this area impossible. Thee are ferriginous hawks in the project area, as well as bald and golden eagles in the second half of winter.

2.3.4 Chapter V Geologically Hazardous Areas

Rebuttal

The applicant concedes that NRCS soil classifications for this area show that 85% of the project area have moderately to severely erosion prone soils. As mentioned previously, in Virginia, new Industrial Solar complexes are regarded as "unconnected impervious surfaces." The application of that concept to this area indicates that soil disturbance, annual soil saturation, and impervious surfaces will significantly exaggerate the timing, occurrence, and sever nature of soil erosion in this area. The 4 square miles that drain to the immediate uplands of the Goldendale Hatchery will have the greatest negative effect.

2.3.5 Chapter VI Aquifer Recharge Areas

Rebuttal

Not only does this project endanger the critical recharge area for dozens of wells in the area, it has a direct impact on the spring that feed the Goldendale Hatchery. Fertile eggs from this trout hatchery are hatched all over the southern portion of central and western Washington. The fish hatched in Goldendale are planted from the high slopes of Mt. Adams to the sower moving waters of the Columbia River impoundment lakes like Horsethief Lake, Spearfish, etc. Jeopardizing the critical recharge of this spring fed hatchery calls all of the previously mentioned activities into question.

Battery Storage

Rebuttal

The BESS is the single most concerning aspect of the entire application. As proposed, it will sit within 500 feet of at least 5 residential wells. It will also be less than half a mile upslope from the springs that create South Blockhouse Creek and North Block House Creek. These creeks eventually join the Little Klickitat River several miles downstream. With no adequate containment vessel, i.e. only a gravel berm to contain spills or fire residue, it is a certainty that many residential wells and several square miles of acquifer will be irreparably harmed by this Battery complex in the event of a malfunction or fire. Please see the comments under "Public Services-Police/Fire."

2.3.6 Chapter VII Frequently Flooded Areas

Rebuttal

As discussed previously, there is area that has flooded in 1996, 1981, 1964, and many times before that. The FEMA 100 year flood plain is developed for human impacts, but may not adequately address the potential ecological issues near the Goldendale Hatchery.

Overview

The Cypress Creek Renewables application regularly redefines what comprises a conditional use in land zoned extensive agriculture and general rural. Partially due to "desktop observations"--sitting in front of a computer—this project, in CCR's eyes, is just like all the other uses of the land in question. The application downgrades or ignores significant Klickitat County land use planning and land use practices in the application area. It proposes to put 63 megawatts of lithium ion batteries right across a wildlife migration corridor and upslope from two spring fed creeks.

On May 14, 1997, the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution instituting tighter subdivision requirements in Klickitat County. Among other things, it stated that unless roads were improved and utilities provided, the minimum lot size in extensive agriculture and general rural zones would be 80 acres (Ordinance 0051497). There is a history of land use decision and agricultural preservation on the very land Cypress Creek seeks to turn into an industrial site. Further, the BOCC adopted a requirement in 2020 stating that any industrial solar project connecting to the Knight Road Substation would be required to use the Conditional Use Permit process, not the energy overlay zone.

Thei project is ill-suited for the proposed area and should be rejected outright for the harm it will cause to residents, real estate value, the natural environment, and a host of other aspects of quality of life in the Goldendale area.

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As I understand it the EFSEC is to evaluate the placement of energy facilities. To insure the protection of the environment and concern interest of the public. Which when you look at the proposed large scale solar development in Klickitat County the destruction of thousands of acres of tillable farm land, reducing drastically the available grazing area for wildlife, the erosion that will pollute the existing streams, and the added fire danger in populated areas.

I don't know how you can honestly justify allowing these large scale solar developments with all the negative effect it will have on our community.

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Will this create jobs for locals? How many and how long? Thanks Lonnie Smith

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