



Ross County Solar

Exhibit I

Public Comments Received at Public Information Meeting

Case No. 20-1380-EL-BGN

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Public Comments and Questions Received

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What happens to the land and solar panels at the end of the project?	It is in the agreements with participating landowners that all components of the Project are to be removed following the Project's operational life. Additionally, Ross County Solar is developing a decommissioning plan that will be submitted along with their permit application to the OPSB. The document will propose that Ross County Solar post a performance bond to the Board for the costs associated with decommissioning based on an independent 3rd party engineering firm assessment to ensure that funds are in place for removal of the Project. Following the life of the Project, agricultural uses can commence pending the wishes of the participating landowners.	Web Based Meeting/GoToWebinar (Question from previous Open House/Public Information Meeting to Encourage Public Interaction)
What will the project look and sound like during construction?	The loudest anticipated sound during construction will be associated with pile driving equipment that installs the steel pilings for the racking system, which will hold the solar panels. Solar panels have been set back at least 300 feet from nearby residences, which allows much of the sound from pile driving activities to dissipate over that distance. Pile driving can be completed in any given area relatively quickly, and then the equipment will move elsewhere on the Project. Other noise will be from equipment such as truck deliveries or grading equipment. This equipment will have sound levels similar to that of farm equipment operating during the fall harvest. Some noise during construction is unavoidable, and we will work to reduce impacts to project neighbors to the extent possible. Construction will generally occur mostly during regular working hours to limit disturbance to neighbors.	Web Based Meeting/GoToWebinar (Question from previous Open House/Public Information Meeting to Encourage Public Interaction)

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Will the project have a fence around it?	The Project will be completely enclosed via fence (per national electric safety requirements) with woven wire agricultural fencing of 6 feet high, topped with 1 foot of barbed wire. Access will be limited to site entrances via locked access gates.	Web Based Meeting/GoToWebinar (Question from previous Open House/Public Information Meeting to Encourage Public Interaction)
As a non-landowner, how will this project benefit me?	Approximately \$1.1 million will be added to the local tax base annually. This will go to local schools, infrastructure, and other local government expenditures. Additionally, Ross County Solar will develop a local charitable fund for the community. Ross County Solar is willing to work with community partners to work out the details of the charitable fund as Project plans progress. Generally, solar panels do not emit excess noise, emissions, and are a relatively low impact on the landscape. Ross County Solar will work to mitigate visual impacts of the Project and will develop vegetative screening to blend the Project into the landscape.	Web Based Meeting/GoToWebinar (Question from previous Open House/Public Information Meeting to Encourage Public Interaction)
Did you get a good response to this invitation? How many people are watching?	13 people participated in the web-based meeting, and 3 people participated in the phone-based meeting. In addition to participation in the meeting, Ross County Solar continues to do significant public outreach in the community in the form of meetings, presentations, and local door-to-door engagement. Recently, Ross County Solar presented to both Buckskin Township Officials and Ross County Commissioners. Ross County Solar continues to reach out to local government officials to inform them of the Project.	Web Based Meeting/GoToWebinar (Received from Participant)
The town of Greenfield is in Highland County. Will some of the tax benefits go to Greenfield or does all the money stay in Ross County?	Taxes are paid to the jurisdiction in which the Project is placed, and then allocated to various jurisdictions based on the tax millage rates. Much of the tax revenue generated will be allocated to the Greenfield Exempted Village School District, so some of the funds will certainly benefit the town of Greenfield.	Web Based Meeting/GoToWebinar (Received from Participant)

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When do you think construction will start?	Construction is anticipated to begin as early as late 2021. Construction scheduling will depend on factors such as permitting timelines, weather conditions, and procurement of equipment. Notifications will be sent to the public prior to the start of construction. Should you have additional questions throughout the permitting process or prior to construction, we are more than happy to address your questions as we further develop our construction timeline.	Web Based Meeting/GoToWebinar (Received from Participant)

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