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Solar Farm Installation Case # 21-0277

Public Comments:

History/Architecture Survey:

The Abstract states that “the solar panels will not exceed 12-feet in height” though in section 2.2 of the Visual Impact Analysis study, it provides that “At their maximum height (when tilted vertically) the panels are expected to be approximately 15 feet tall.” The historical study was given incorrect specifications and should therefore be considered invalid. Furthermore, the Abstract portion of the History/Architecture Survey provides that there will be a substation with lighting that may be 50-feet in height. Unfortunately, this structure was not considered in the Visual Impact Analysis document.

US Wildlife Service and ODNR:

There is a significant deer population in this area. As required by the electrical code, this project must be enclosed by a 6 foot high fence. Based on the question and answer session held on the 5/13/21 public meeting virtual call, this fencing will be similar to a chain link fence with potential barbed wire across the top. All of the deer in Cass Township will have a substantially smaller habitat. Unfortunately, this will result in an increase in the amount of crop damage to the farmers. Lastly, for our smaller wildlife, including our birds and insect population, this is also a significant loss of habitat.

Acoustic Assessment:

Within Cass Township and the surrounding area, we do not have factories, industrial or motorized items within or nearby. The introduction of motorized tracking solar panels will be noticeable and unwanted noise to the residents of Cass Township.

Glare Hazard Analysis:

This is a significant concern. During certain times of the day or year, the effects of the glare will be an issue and concern. The levels of yellow or red glare need to be considered for all residents of Cass Township and ensuring that there is not any potential for retinal damage is necessary and this has not been considered.

Tourism:


Van Buren State Park is located nearby. We have tourists here because it is quite and in a rural area. Unfortunately, this project will have a negative change on the amount of tourists that visit our area and the State Park. In addition to the impacts of the wildlife in this area and at the Park.

Renewable Energy Credits (RINs):

This project is financially viable because of the renewable energy credits granted. However, Poet Ethanol LLC has a strong presence in our area and they are a large purchaser of corn in the area. By having the land remain as farmland, the corn can still be used in a green energy solution and therefore we do not need to exchange one renewable credit (ethanol) for another (solar) especially when all of the concerns and issues, including those set forth herein, are

taken into account. It does not make sense!

I respectfully ask that the issues, gaps and various concerns expressed by me and others are considered and that the application be rejected. I do not want this facility installed.

Thank you. 

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