



## Cooperative Solar Farm Three - Marion PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

### Overview

East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) plans to develop a 635-acre solar farm in Marion County, Ky., north of Lebanon. This solar farm will generate 96 megawatts of electricity, enough to serve the annual electricity needs of 10,940 typical Kentucky homes.

EKPC distributed a survey to local residents to hear their concerns about the project. **To date, 1 person has shared their views on this project via the EKPC survey.**

### Survey Insights

**The respondent, a Marion County resident named Angela Rakes, is supportive of the project and said she is a fan of solar energy projects. She said the most beneficial aspect of the project is diversifying Kentucky's energy mix.**

Although Rakes has an overall positive view of solar energy projects, she does still have reservations about the project.

- Rakes said that she encourages EKPC to cut down as few trees in the area as possible.
- She also said that EKPC can mitigate residents' concerns by allowing grazing of the land to continue. Sheep grazing, she said, can help control forage under the solar panels.
- Further, she said that EKPC can better support the local agricultural economy by contracting with farmers to graze the area or to grow crops on the property.

#### **Rakes also shared other insights.**

- She said that the EKPC public comment process gave her an adequate amount of information.
- Rakes is not aware of any buildings or landmarks with historical or architectural importance.
- Rakes said the advertisement of the open house with inadequate.
- She said most of her questions were answered by EKPC staff and displays. She did say that she doesn't think EKPC answered her question about sheep grazing under the panels.
- Rakes knows more now about EKPC and its operation.