

Jeff Watson

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Re:
Project File #: CU-15-00006
Applicant: OneEnergy Development LLC Agent for Bill Hanson

Our residence is located at 1231 Clerf Rd., approximately 150 feet from the eastern boundary of the proposed solar facility. We also own land that borders the western boundary of the proposed facility. Our land and the land designated for the facility is zoned Ag 20.

12-A- of the Project Narrative states:

“The proposed use is essential or desirable to the public convenience and not detrimental to the public health, peace, or safety or to the character of the surrounding neighborhood.”

There is potential for dust, weeds, noise and glare.

The long term health effects on persons living and working close to such a facility are not known.

It is not in the character of our agricultural, rural neighborhood.

12-E- “The proposed use will ensure compatibility with neighboring land uses.”

This is subjective.

12-F- “The proposed use is consistent with the intent and character of the zoning district in which it is located.”

We are the third and fourth generation working this farm. We are dedicated to preserve it and its rural character. Forty-seven acres with 18,600 solar panels surrounded by an 8 foot high fence with three rows of security wire on top will look industrial, which is not the intent and character of this area.

We are losing productive farm land in this country at an alarming rate. The USDA says that we lose an acre minute. Once it is lost, it is gone forever. These acres are important for the food we eat, rural heritage and for wildlife. There are locations, such as out in the sagebrush, that are not suited to farming, nor attractive as home sites, where these facilities could be placed.

Would you like to live next door to a solar facility? Or buy a house next to what is being called “the largest solar farm in the State of Washington”? There are numerous residences on Clerf Rd and Number 81 Rd. Our home is 150 feet from the eastern boundary with three other homes in close proximity.

To allow this facility could create a domino effect, with more being located on productive land, and also have a negative effect on property values.

We respectfully ask you, as elected officials, to consider your constituents concerns.

Sincerely,
Robert & Sherre Clerf