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Brian Hill, PE
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Re: KCPL Solar Array

Dear Mr. Hill,

The Greenwood Energy Center is located within both District AG, Agricultural and District HI, Heavy Industrial.

According to the Unified Development Code (Chapter 240, Jackson County Code), District AG 24004.2.b.16 states that *Public service facilities, including but not limited to park-and-ride areas, safety and emergency services facilities, public works facilities, schools, parks and other uses required to efficiently provide public services to rural residents* is a Permitted Use.

District HI 24004.12.c.15 UDC) states that "Power plants" are an allowable use within that zoning district.

Therefore, a change in zoning would not be required for the proposed array.

In reference to a building permit, Chapter 54 of the Jackson County Code (5409.4.f) provides as an exemption: Public Service Agencies: *A permit shall not be required for the installation, alteration, or repair of generation, transmission, distribution or metering, or other related equipment that is under the ownership and control of public service agencies by established rights.*

This exemption would apply only for the solar array, and is hereby granted by Jackson County. Grading, ground preparation, detention, and all soil and erosion control, would need to be permitted by the County.

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