Kingwood Solar Q&A

The Kingwood Solar team appreciates thoughtful questions from the community about the Project and anticipated development, construction, & operation details. The responses provided here are intended to address questions and comments received during and following the March 30th informational meeting. Some duplicate questions were omitted, and general statements from attendees were only addressed if a question was implied.

About Vesper Energy

1. Is Vesper wholly owned by Magnetar or does Lendlease still have ownership in Vesper?
    - Vesper Energy is wholly owned by Magnetar Capital.
2. Is Kingwood Solar the singular legal entity responsible for this project? If not, please describe all individuals and or corporations legally connected to this project.
    - Kingwood Solar I LLC is a wholly owned entity of Vesper Energy.
3. As a company with no operation experience for a program of this size, why should we credit any "non contractual assurances" you have made?
    - Vesper Energy has a dedicated team of industry professionals with experience developing and operating renewable energy projects across the United States. Moreover, Vesper Energy has a substantial vested interest in the successful development and integration of Kingwood Solar into the local community.
4. Vesper's Nestlewood project in Brown/Clermont Counties was approved almost a year ago. Why has construction not yet started?
    - Nestlewood Solar continues to advance through permits and financing and is expected to begin construction in 2021-2022.
5. Dylan is the 4th project manager for Kingwood in as many years. Is Mr. Soininen leaving Vesper or is he simply handing over the project manager position to Dylan?
    - John Soininen is no longer employed with Vesper Energy nor affiliated with Kingwood Solar.
6. Will this specific recording be available, to listen to again and not just the first portion presentation on the project?
    - A recording of the entirety of Kingwood Solar's March 30th public information Zoom meeting can be found at www.kingwoodsolar.com.

Project Location & Site Selection

1. Is the map showing what is planned for solar development since more leases have been submitted than what is on the map?

- The map provided during the Kingwood Solar public information meeting and in our application filed on April 16th is the area proposed for development.

2. Is the project limited now or in the future how many acres can be part of the project? I believe last meeting said 1850 acres have signed leases, but presentation shows 1500 (which I know is target.) is there some upper limit that if reached would require additional approvals prior to adding to the project?
    - The area shared during the Kingwood Solar public information meeting and provided in our application, totaling approximately 1500 acres, is the area proposed for OPSB certificate. No additional acres are anticipated to be needed for this project.
3. Please show us where on the development map where the substation will be located?
    - Kingwood Solar project substation and gen-tie are proposed approximately 1/4-mile north of where Harbison Rd. intersects with Wilberforce-Clifton Rd. This is indicated on the Project Layout maps provided as part of the OPSB Application.
4. Where will the substation be located? What will be the distance to nearby residential property? Will there be aboveground power poles? What will be the location of all aboveground power transmission?
    - Kingwood Solar project substation is proposed on Wilberforce-Clifton Road. The nearest residence is more than 300 feet away. There will be above ground structures and equipment that connect to the existing, First Energy, 138,000-volt transmission towers.
5. People moved to the country because its country. This area was not zoned residential subdivision or industrial or commercial. why is this not in an industrial area or something like the covered parking like at Assurant in Springfield, Ohio?
    - Kingwood Solar is proposed on private land from landowners that took many considerations into account. Solar facilities are only feasible in certain locations based on the characteristics of the land, proximity to existing infrastructure, and many other factors.
6. What is the total footprint/size of the substation?
    - The substation is anticipated to be approximately 4.1 acres in total area.
7. Can you provide a map of easements for the project?
    - A preliminary project layout is provided as Appendix A of the OPSB Application filed on April 16th.
8. What setback will be provided at residential property lines? What will be the distance in feet from the property line to the solar panels?
    - A minimum setback of 45 feet from abutting, non-participating property lines will exist from any solar panels and equipment. In most instances, solar panels

and Project equipment are greater than 100 feet away from abutting property lines.

9. How do you plan to connect to the easement on Bradfute Rd? Will you need to go under the water of Clark Run? Please describe this process.
    - Kingwood Solar expects to construct the connection line easement underneath Clark Run, a perennial stream, utilizing horizontal directional drilling or similar techniques.
10. Why did Lendlease lease land in the Yellow Springs area on US 68 over to Meredith Rd? This parcel is not included in the project map. Why was it leased? If it isn't used for Kingwood, will the lease be terminated?
    - Yes, any land agreement not ultimately utilized for the project area will be terminated. This process has already begun.
11. Will Kingwood be able to expand and lease more of the surrounding land?
    - Kingwood Solar does not anticipate leasing more land for this project.

Solar Panel Technology & Project Equipment

1. The nameplate rating is 175 MW; is that the power expected from the facility on a bright sunny day during the last week of June, early July in the early afternoon? Thank you.
    - Yes, Kingwood Solar is designed to be 175 MW of total nameplate capacity, meaning peak generating operation would produce a maximum of 175 MW of power at any given time.
2. Will Kingwood Solar provide a permanent noise barrier in areas directly abutting residential properties?
    - Kingwood Solar will restrict construction activities to the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM, and more so for those activities expected to have a higher noise impact. Operational noise is not expected to have a noticeable impact on abutting residential properties.
3. What noise level does the substation have?
    - A substation transformer can have an Overall Sound Power of 99 dBA when standing directly next to the transformer. Kingwood will have a maximum operational sound level of 43 dBA at a non-participating residence.
4. Vesper states the "Solar panel arrays are typically designed to withstand hurricane force winds". Can they withstand category 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 winds? This area has had tornadoes and severe damaging hail in 2018 and 2019.

- Solar arrays are affixed to racking that is tested to withstand wind speeds up to 145 mph. This information can be found in Appendix J of Kingwood Solar's OPSB application, Representative Equipment Standards.

5. How are panels monitored for rotation during large hail/tornadoes?
    - Kingwood Solar intends to have a meteorological station on the Project site during operation, collecting real-time data on weather conditions. Solar array racking, as directed by the SCADA system, will adjust automatically if wind speeds reach a certain threshold as a safety precaution.
6. Who will clean up and be responsible for all the damage that could occur should a tornado, hail, or straight-line winds destroy these panels? Who will be paying for the damages to our home as a result of such an action?
    - Kingwood Solar will be responsible for all owned equipment and for consistent maintenance of the Project site. Additionally, Kingwood Solar has and will continue to maintain a comprehensive liability insurance policy.
7. What is the procedure used to remove/prevent snow build-up from the panels?
    - Single-axis tracking solar arrays are able to rotate nearly 360 degrees, allowing for snow loads to be effectively managed.
8. With the quick advances in technology, won't these solar panels you're planning to use be obsolete in 5/10 years?
    - Although it is expected that solar technology will continue to improve, Kingwood Solar's solar panels will have a long-term warranty and be physically and commercially feasible to operate and generate the necessary power for the Project's entire lifespan.
9. Who manufactures the "top tier" solar panels you speak off?
    - Example equipment specification documents have been provided as Appendix J to the Kingwood Solar OPSB application. There are multiple manufacturers included.
10. How will Kingwood Solar support regional manufacturing and fabrication?
    - The growing solar industry can significantly benefit regional manufacturing and fabrication through fencing, racking, aggregate material, and other needs for Project construction and operation.
11. You've spoken of Ohio and US manufacturers and suppliers. Are you going to add a condition to the certificate that says you will buy only Ohio-made or US-made equipment?
    - There is a wide variety of certified equipment suppliers with locations and manufacturing facilities all around the world. Kingwood Solar is committed to procuring equipment from certified and tested providers that, among many

considerations, will meet the design criteria and timing requirements of the Project schedule.

12. Is solar power competitive without government subsidies, tax breaks, mandatory renewable power requirements dictated by state regulations?
    - Yes.
13. Since there is not a utility-scale solar facility operating in Ohio yet, how can you possibly know what the expected life of a 175 MW project will be?
    - More information about Ohio solar installations, including operating utility-scale solar facilities, can be found here; https://www.seia.org/state-solar-policy/ohio-solar. Furthermore, solar technology and generating facilities have been operating in the United States for decades, continuously demonstrating the lifecycle of solar equipment and technology.
14. Why not put the arrays on the 33,800 houses, since that's the amount of put it will produce?
    - Vesper Energy does not develop residential solar energy projects.
15. Early in the slide deck you stated that the development will generate enough power for 33,000 Ohio homes. Why do you cite this statistic since none of the power is available for our consumption?
    - The energy generated by Kingwood Solar will be fed directly onto the existing transmission system in Greene County, supporting reliability and availability of power to the region. Reference is made to the equivalent number of homes to help capture the size and scale of the design capacity of Kingwood Solar.

Project Development & Permitting Process

1. What is the PJM queue ID for this Project? Thank you.
    - Kingwood Solar PJM Queue number is AD1-140, as shown in Appendix C of the OPSB application.
2. Does the [OPSB] board represent the public or landowners?
    - The Ohio Power Siting Board is an Ohio state appointed board, with a mission to "support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy capacity and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, promoting the state's economic interests, and protecting the environment and land use." More information about the OPSB can be found at its website at https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/home.
3. Who created the [Kingwood Solar OPSB] application?
    - Kingwood Solar I LLC and Vesper Energy continues to directly oversee all studies and exhibit documents that are included in the OPSB application.

4. How many staff people at OPSB are actually reviewing the 23+ applications that are currently pending or in the application phase?
    - Please reach out to OPSB staff for questions about their process.
5. Which hearing (public or adjudicatory) carries the most weight toward the board's decision?
    - Please reach out to OPSB staff for questions about their process.
6. How does the OPSB monitor construction for these projects? How often do they visit the construction site? What happens if conditions in the certificate or not met?
    - OPSB and Kingwood Solar will remain in steady communication throughout the construction period to maintain accountability of tariff rules, case conditions, and safe activity on the project site.
7. Do OPSB board members read the stakeholder comments on the case docket or just staff?
    - Please reach out to OPSB staff for questions about their process.
8. Are there any changes coming at the OPSB to the current self-reported complaint process that developer's use?
    - Please reach out to OPSB staff for questions about their process or expected changes.
9. When and how did the OPSB jurisdiction come about for 50+ MW solar projects removing the local jurisdiction?
    - You can find more information about the OPSB at www.opsb.ohio.gov
10. Have any of your projects been denied by the OPSB?
    - Vesper Energy, formerly Lendlease Energy Development, has submitted one OPSB certificate application prior to Kingwood, and it was approved in April of 2020.
11. There are no OPSB staff here tonight to answer questions?
    - OPSB staff members were in attendance during the Kingwood public information meeting, and are available for contact at contactOPSB@PUCO.ohio.gov
12. What do you mean by favorable resources?
    - Reference to “favorable resources” during the public meeting was describing the sunshine availability and predictability in Southwest Ohio.
13. Do site surveys include analysis of existing sources of electromagnetic interference from neighboring properties that may reduce the efficiency of power output?
    - No, electromagnetic interference is not a consideration that would affect power output of Kingwood Solar.
14. Throughout the frequently asked questions, you cite a North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center white paper. This group’s mission is to advance a sustainable energy

economy. How are we to trust the credibility of this information when the people writing it have an obvious agenda? Have you sought out any independent studies to support these claims?

- Additional resources and peer-review publications are provided on our website, www.kingwoodsolar.com.

15. How can we trust any of the studies done for your project are completed by unbiased parties?
    - Kingwood Solar engages with partners and consultants that are professionally licensed and experts in their field of work. Many of these companies are Ohio-based, have worked on Ohio Power Siting Board certified projects in the past, and have a proven track record of fact-based, objective reporting.
16. The Kingwood website said that a Fortune 50 company "with a considerable footprint in Ohio" would be buying the power produced here. Is your PPA finalized? Who is your buyer?
    - Kingwood Solar has executed a power purchase agreement but is unable to share details of the counterparty or agreement structure due to confidentiality provisions.
17. What is the current target date you are hoping to get certificate approval and do you believe the project is on track to meet that target?
    - Kingwood Solar is ready to follow the Ohio Administrative Code 4906-4 procedure and hopes to be ready for construction in summer of 2022.
18. Are you going to add all the promises you've made as conditions to the certificate?
    - Please contact info@kingwoodsolar.com if you have questions or concerns about certain topics shared throughout Kingwood Solar's development process.

Environmental Impact & Mitigation

1. Will any wooded areas be clear cut for this project?
    - Less than 25 acres of wooded areas or shrubbery are expected to be cleared prior to construction.
2. What is the ground cover? Is it a native species?
    - The ground cover will be a mix of native and carefully selected pollinator friendly seed grasses and vegetation, as well as cover crops in the first 1-3 years until the vegetation is fully established.
3. Will there be nighttime lighting? Disturbing wildlife, astronomers, and human health. I'm concerned about Light Pollution.
    - There is no expected nighttime lighting throughout the project area. Vesper cannot confirm or deny whether there will be lighting at the single project

substation, which is designed according to federal safety regulations and will be constructed with supervision by First Energy, the owner of the transmission system.

4. How will the fence at 7 feet disrupt the local wildlife along with the array affecting the nesting and insect population?
    - Thorough wildlife and habitat studies have been conducted to mitigate any potential negative impact to wildlife. The project fencing is intended to keep wildlife out of the project area. The panels are not expected to negatively impact nesting or insect population, in fact the pollinator vegetation ground cover will likely have a positive impact.
5. Will there be open "avenues" created through parts of the project for animal migration?
    - The project area fencing will be set back from any roadways and will not cross utility easements or existing public thruways, therefore leaving existing public right-of-way's as they are today.
6. Kingwood Solar has consulted with ODNR to ensure there will be no significant impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or their habitats. Please enlighten us about what happens to the deer, skunk, opossum, and racoons?
    - Kingwood Solar's number one priority is safety, including that of wildlife in the area. The project fencing is intended to keep wildlife out of the project area, and our studies concluded that there are likely no nesting habitats within the project lands.
7. What specific steps will be taken for aquifer and wellhead protection?
    - Kingwood Solar will require only minimal water and will employ Best Management Practices consistent with the Ohio Rainwater and Land Development Manual as necessary throughout construction to ensure that existing well users are not affected, water quality standards are met, and erosion and sedimentation is minimized. Employing BMPs will ensure safety and mitigate impacts to area water sources.
8. In the event of a hazardous spill from the solar panels who will be responsible for the cleanup and its costs? Will Kingwood stand responsible for the cleanup of wells damaged by their project and the Miami Valley Aquifer?
    - Solar panels used in the US marketplace are held to strict safety and testing requirements (See IEC 61730) including extreme test conditions of physical damage to panels. These tests are meant to prevent any potential instance of contamination due to panel materials. Additionally, Kingwood Solar has thoroughly assessed the proximate locations of all private water wells and public waterways, and neither construction nor operation of the project is expected to

impact private water sources or the Greater Miami Aquifer. Best Management Practices will be used throughout construction to ensure water quality standards are met and erosion and sedimentation is minimized in accordance with the Ohio EPA.

9. Who is responsible for paying for the costs if we develop health issues related to the negative impacts of living in close proximity to solar panels? Ex. wells contaminated with chemicals from the panels.
    - Thorough assessment and careful proximal study of existing water wells and environmental surroundings indicates that no contamination of any kind is expected to occur attributable to Kingwood Solar.
10. Will Kingwood contain and process the potentially hazardous wastewater used to clean the solar panels?
    - No hazardous wastewater will be used to clean the panels, or any equipment associated with Kingwood Solar.
11. How often will there be inspection of the panels to avoid rainwater leeching toxic chemicals into the ground?
    - The project operations will be monitored daily from a remote, control center, which will indicate if any of the panels have stopped operating properly. Additionally, the project site will be inspected in-person periodically throughout a calendar year for routine maintenance. Solar panels used in the US are held to strict safety testing standards (see IEC 61730) to prevent the unlikely possibility of rainwater leeching of toxic chemicals.
12. The Kingwood Solar project will be located at the property line of over 100 residential homes each of whom depends on water from our own individual wells. How much cadmium and other toxic chemicals will be released into the residential water system? What is the setback distance in feet from the solar panels to residential wells?
    - No cadmium or other toxic chemicals will be released into the residential water system. Thorough assessments of existing water wells nearby the project area have been conducted and impacts to those wells are not expected from project construction or operation. All solar panels will be set back at least 45 feet from any adjacent property lines.
13. One of the proposed solar locations will slope down and drain directly onto our residential property. In addition, there is a seasonal stream that flows from the solar location. What protection will be provided to prevent the water used to rinse the panels from flowing onto our property? Will a berm be provided to protect our property from drainage from washing the panels?

- Kingwood Solar will have a thorough stormwater management plan in accordance with the Ohio EPA that addresses both construction and operations. Please reach out to info@kingwoodsolar.com with your property address and a representative will follow up with you regarding specific details.

14. Given that dust and dirt normally settling on horizontal surfaces can decrease solar panel output by 10 to 12% how will you handle wash water and chemicals that will be necessary to maintain maximum generation?
    - Kingwood Solar is designed as single-axis tracking system, meaning the panels will be quietly and slowly rotating throughout the day. Equipment cleaning and maintenance will carefully consider water runoff in accordance with the stormwater management plan.
15. You are mentioning that the solar panels themselves will not have chemicals that will leach into the ground, will you be cleaning the panels as well? What will you be using?
    - Often times panels may not require regular cleaning, although each project site is unique and necessity should be assessed in the first few years of operation. If periodic washing is necessary, either deionized water or an OECD approved, biodegradable, non-toxic cleaning solution may be used.
16. Since this is to help reduce the carbon footprint and climate change, how much carbon footprint will be used to build this project, including the manufacturing of the panels?
    - The National Renewable Energy Laboratory continuously studies Life Cycle Assessment studies of power generation sources, showing that Solar PV has a significantly lower Green House Gas (GHG) emissions when compared to natural gas and coal-fired power generation. See reference here; https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/life-cycle-assessment.html
17. How much heat is reflected into area from the panels and how will this affect the microclimate in the area.
    - No measurable temperature change is anticipated as a result of the Kingwood Solar project.
18. Has there been environmental and health impact testing done on solar projects that was not paid for by your company?
    - Many studies have been conducted about solar technology and its construction methods regarding environmental, health and safety impacts. In 2019 Harvard University School of Public Health released a study showing which U.S. geographies would benefit most from large-scale transition to renewable energy sources. The results suggested the benefits of installing renewable energy in the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes region are four times higher than places like California and the Southwest.

https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/c-change/news/us-renewables/

Economic Benefits & Community Impact

1. How does this project benefit me as the neighbor or adjacent landowner?
    - Kingwood Solar is expected to pay more than $1.5 million in annual taxes to Miami, Xenia & Cedarville Townships and Greene County, while requiring very little municipal services and not significantly adding to the local population. Furthermore, as a neighboring resident, it is expected that the pollinator vegetation planted across the Kingwood Solar site will improve carbon storage, increase pollinator supply, reduce sedimentation and water runoff providing for a healthier ecosystem, cleaner air and cleaner water in the surrounding areas.
2. Are you using taxpayer funding, getting tax breaks, or state or federal subsidies?
    - No.
3. How much in public tax support is Vesper getting from this project?
    - There is no public tax support for Kingwood Solar, outside of a Federal Investment Tax Credit. You can learn more about the ITC at https://www.energy.gov/.
4. What is the estimated dollar amount Vesper Energy would pay in property taxes over the life of the project without PILOT compared to $1.5 million a year paid with PILOT?
    - This depends on the value of the project equipment and personal property assessment from the Ohio Department of Taxation and Greene County authorities. Equipment selection and procurement is not finalized yet, therefore a definitive figure cannot be provided at this time.
5. Will the money paid to the schools be over and above state funds or in addition to?
    - It is our understanding that without a PILOT Qualified Energy Project agreement, taxes assessed against solar projects as personal property in Ohio may impact state funding to schools.
6. Little was covered on what would be done if PILOT not approved. Can you go into detail the impact to project and how it would work in a non-pilot tax status? How much is the difference between starting rates under both approaches and difference near end?
    - A PILOT agreement and Qualified Energy Project qualification with the Ohio Development Services Agency requires;
        i. Training for fire and emergency service responders that Kingwood Solar equip the local emergency responders with proper equipment potentially needed;
        ii. Ohio-domiciled employees maintain at least 80% of the construction and installation crew;

iii. A relationship with a member of the Ohio University System to educate and train individuals for careers in renewable energy;
iv. Pay up to $9,000 per Megawatt of project nameplate capacity.

Without a PILOT agreement and designation as a Qualified Energy Project, Kingwood Solar would not be required to meet any of these stated requirements. The dollar amount in a non-PILOT tax assessment would depend on the total capital expense of Kingwood Solar, which cannot be determined until equipment has been procured and the project has been constructed.

7. How is this going to affect the property values going forward?
    - No negative impact to property values is anticipated as a result of Kingwood Solar, as provided and concluded in the CohnReznick property assessment of the OPSB Application.
8. Can you produce those studies that indicate property values do not decline or in fact increase?
    - Please see the CohnReznick property value assessment that was filed as Appendix F of the OPSB Application, concluding no data-driven negative impact to property values as a result of solar development and Ohio County Assessors attesting to the same in their communities. Additional resources have been made available to www.kingwoodsolar.com.
9. You state there is no significant impact on surrounding home values. Given this low risk, I'd like to request that Vesper provide property value guarantees to all homeowners within two-miles of the Kingwood development, and that the guarantees include no language that would require homeowners to support the development or give up their right to oppose the development.
    - Property Value guarantees are not feasible due to inability to regulate homeowner property maintenance and upkeep, independent of any claimed impact due to Kingwood Solar.
10. How can you so confidently state that farmland can be returned to farmland again after industrial solar? Since there has been no such farmland that has ever been returned to farmland.
    - Solar facility construction activity is low-impact, utilizing no concrete or permanent foundations, thus the equipment can be simply removed and the ground can be returned to agricultural production.
11. How do you plan to compensate the small Ag business owners and who will suffer the negative ripple effect of land loss?
    - Please contact info@kingwoodsolar.com with any specific local business owners that are expected to experience a negative financial loss. Kingwood Solar is

committed to substantially increasing overall economic output and tax revenue to the Greene County community.

12. In the event of a fire from lightning storms common in our area, what toxic fumes are emitted? Will Kingwood Solar be providing training for local fire departments in responding to chemical fires?
    - Solar panels available in the US are thoroughly tested, including any potential risk or impact due to proximate fire hazard. These conservative testing processes conclude that the risk of toxic emissions is, at most, negligible according to regulatory agency standards.
13. Will there be training for township Fire Depts and EMS?
    - Kingwood Solar intends to work with the appropriate local emergency service providers in Greene County, ensuring that the necessary procedures in case of any emergency are well planned. Further, if an Alternative Energy Zone is approved as part of Ohio Revised Code 5727.75, Kingwood Solar will be required to provide necessary training for response to emergency situations related to the project and to equip the emergency responders with proper equipment to respond to such potential situations.

Project Construction & Facility Operation

1. What is that detailed complaint process?
    - Appendix E of Kingwood Solar OPSB application outlines the complaint resolution program.
2. Is there any provision you would give to homes that are fully surrounded - adding natural barriers, trees, a larger space between us and the 7-foot fence?
    - Yes, a landscaping plan for vegetative screening is proposed to help mitigate the visual impact to non-participating and neighboring residences.
3. Can you go into detail how the vegetative screening process will work? Specifically, do individuals need to request screening or handled thru township and city. Will route 72 be handled on both sides of the road since this is access to Cedarville University which has a significant impact to outside visitors. What is anticipated time before screening plants will be large enough to help screen. Who and how will the screening plants be maintained due to damage or plants just not surviving?
    - Kingwood's vegetative screening process will continue to evolve until construction begins. Areas currently proposed to have screening are focused on reducing visual impact to neighboring residences, and specifically those that are non-participating landowners. Many different factors were considered as to where screening is most beneficial, and there will be a variety of different types

and height classes of screening, which will continue to grow over the project lifecycle.

4. How will an email to Vesper "facilitate" planting of vegetative screening?
    - If you would like to know specifically where vegetative screening is proposed in relation to your property, please contact info@kingwoodsolar.com. Additionally, we are open to requests for added vegetative screening in areas not currently proposed.
5. What vegetative screening and landscaping are you planning on using?
    - A landscaping plan was included as part of Kingwood Solar's OPSB application, as a portion of Appendix Q, Visual Impact Analysis.
6. Have you considered the use of landscape berm (using offsite materials) for screening purposes?
    - Berms were not considered for Kingwood Solar.
7. In a previous meeting, Kingwood shared their willingness to work with local landowners not participating in this project. We have a residence, farmyard, and land along the east side of 72. We would greatly like to see vegetative screening opposite our property.
    - Please reach out to info@kingwoodsolar.com to arrange a conversation regarding proposed screening locations on specific properties.
8. What is your definition of "tall screening"? Please provide a unit of measure.
    - Examples of tall screening vegetation, as described in Appendix Q of the Kingwood Solar OPSB application file, are provided as Oak, Elm, Maple, Norway Spruce, and Austrian Pine trees. These examples can be estimated at more than 15-feet tall at full health.
9. Will additional screening be made available to adjacent properties, on those adjacent properties (for example, properties next to or across the street) or limited to the properties directly affected?
    - Proposed vegetative screening locations are shown in the Kingwood Solar Landscaping Plan, included in Appendix Q of the OPSB application file. Please reach out to info@kingwoodsolar.com if you would like to discuss other areas not currently proposed.
10. Is Woolpert contracted to do the landscaping/vegetative screening?
    - No.
11. Who will monitor weed growth? What is the process for neighbors to get unsightly weed growth mitigated?
    - Vegetation management will be overseen by the Kingwood Solar operations team, and likely implemented by a landscaping company contracted for project site maintenance. If neighbors find a reason for filing a complaint, the complaint

resolution process has been provided as a part of the OPSB Application, and will be updated as construction work approaches.

12. I reside on a sharp curve. If there is any land damage by the equipment, will Vesper pay for this?
    - Kingwood Solar will assume liability for any damages to property that occur and Project or company representatives are responsible for.
13. What is your current position on the issue of decommissioning funding?
    - Kingwood Solar will be responsible for decommissioning and restoration of the Project and site. The funding established for decommissioning may be in the form of cash, letter of credit, or performance bond.
14. If your company which will own and operate the proposed solar farm went bankrupt for whatever reason, who would be responsible for the cleanup of the equipment and land? After reading about a number of energy companies, whether oil/gas or solar that have gone bankrupt, it appears the landowners, the county, or the state are responsible for the cleanup.
    - Kingwood Solar is contractually obligated to establish financial securities for decommissioning and restoration of the project facilities. In the event of bankruptcy, the most likely scenario is that a different ownership entity would assume all contractual and operational responsibilities of the project, similar to a foreclosure of a residential property. Either way, there will be sufficient financial security in place for decommissioning upon the end of the project's operational life.
15. Approximately how many pylons per acre will be installed?
    - Utility-scale solar facilities can require approximately 75 racking piles per acre, although this is dependent on the project design and specific equipment procured.
16. Will you enter into a roadway use agreement with the County Engineer?
    - Kingwood Solar has been in communication with and will continue to work closely with the County Engineer on any required and logical processes during development, construction, and operation.
17. Will county development review agencies such as the County Engineer and Regional Planning have the opportunity to review the SWPPP and construction drawings?
    - A stormwater pollution prevention plan is reviewed and granted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Kingwood Solar has been in communication with the County Engineer and Regional Planning department, and will continue to welcome an open line of communication going forward.
18. Is there any Battery Energy Storage System associated with this Project?

- No.

19. If we needed access to tiles that are located in areas of solar panels for our personal use, how would we gain access in the future?
    - Kingwood Solar will coordinate with property owners and lessors for accessing field drain tiles as needed.
20. What mechanisms will be in place to allow clogged/broken field tiles to be repaired under an already installed line of panels. Failure to repair these issues can affect neighboring farm ground. Is that the responsibility of Vesper (or whoever the owner is at the time) or the landowner?
    - Any drainage tiles damaged during construction will immediately be identified, documented, and repaired. It is anticipated that a local drain tile contractor or the farmer tending the land will be involved in repair activities.
21. The area has a 100-year-old drain tile system to remove water from field run off into the Little Miami. How are you going to maintain that system?
    - Existing drain tiles will be identified and located, to the best extent reasonably possible, prior to construction. Any damage to existing drain tiles will be immediately documented and repaired as quickly as possible.