



Darrin Jacobs, Zoning Administrator
Henry County Planning Commission
1201 Race St., Suite 214
New Castle, IN 47362

Bellflower Solar 1, LLC
400 Montgomery Street, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104

October 14, 2020

Re: Application for Approved Use Permit for the Bellflower Solar Project

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Enclosed please find an application from Bellflower Solar 1, LLC, an affiliate of Lightsource bp, for a Planning Commission Approved Use Permit, as well as related supporting documentation and request for hearing for its Bellflower Solar Project in Henry County. As you are aware, utility electric generation projects that are not wind-related are Planning Commission approved uses under the Henry County Development Code.

We understand that Henry County leadership is in transition due to the impending elections and recent caucus. Additionally, we recognize that Henry County has discussed enacting a solar ordinance since at least 2018 but has not yet done so. However, due to the complex interplay of local, state, and federal requirements and our project timeline, we have determined that we must file for a permit at this time.

We are aware that there is considerable interest in this project, and welcome feedback from both the public and government officials. The Bellflower Solar Project intends to engage and collaborate with Henry County leaders to meet or exceed any proposed zoning standards under consideration as we understand them. We also note that this ground-mounted low-profile solar project which includes appropriate setbacks and screening that we have developed with the input of affected property owners (as described in more detail in our application) is a significantly different type of project than the wind generation projects that have been controversial in Henry County and in other Indiana communities.

Lightsource bp believes the Bellflower Solar Project will be a great investment in renewable energy and in your local community for many years to come. In addition to generating sustainable and cost-effective energy, the project will generate significant tax revenue for the area, create more than 300 jobs during the construction period, and provide ongoing community benefits through a fund established on behalf of the project by Lightsource bp. We welcome any questions you may have and are available at your convenience to discuss the project in more detail. I can be reached at (585) 397-4360 or vincent.green@lightsourcebp.com. We look forward to working with you to bring this project to Henry County, Indiana.



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Sincerely,

Vincent Green
Senior Manager, Development

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Cc:
County Commissioners (Edward Tarantino, Steve Dellinger, Ed Yanos)
County Commissioner Candidates (Bobbi Plummer)

