

Hi, I am Dorothy Macy. I have lived in Charleston for almost 30 years. Thank you for the work you have already done and will continue to do to understand the Glacier Moraine Solar project. I believe their special use permit should be approved because solar power is clean, affordable and stably priced.

I am in charge of the cash flow in my home, and I have struggled with the increase in cost of living, especially the recent rise in the cost of our family's electricity. My home's Ameren electricity cost went from 8.136 cents per kWh on our September 12, 2024 bill to 12.180 cents per kWh on our bill that is due on September 12 of this year. That is a big increase!

I want solar power to be generated in Coles County because it is among the cheapest forms of energy today. Solar power is also good, public health and for the environment.

The 2025 Lazard Levelized Cost of Energy report states, "Renewables remain the most cost-competitive form of new-build generation even without tax credits. The report goes on say, "This is particularly true in the current high power demand environment, where renewables stand out as both the lowest-cost and the quickest-to-deploy generation resource."

Utility Scale Solar, like Glacier Moraine, can generate solar energy for less than 4 cents per kilowatt-hour, even without tax credits. With current tax credits, that figure falls to 2 cents per kilowatt hour. This is less than half the cost of generating energy from various fossil fuel sources or nuclear. More low-cost energy on the grid puts downward pressure on utility supply costs and can help stabilize the electricity prices we consumers pay.

I hope you will approve the Glacier Moraine Solar project, so Coles County residents can benefit economically from having Glacier Moraine's clean, two-cent solar energy into the energy grid.