

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 23, 2025 CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT WITH BROOKCLIFF SOLAR, LLC

SHELBY, NC – The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners today announced that it has reached a legal settlement with Brookcliff Solar LLC, effectively resolving all outstanding legal matters between the parties.

Under the terms of the agreement, the County will dismiss its pending appeal, while Brookcliff Solar LLC will pay the County a total of \$100,000- half within the next 30 days and the other half upon completion of Brookcliff Solar's construction. Additionally, Brookcliff Solar will ensure that five of its property parcels along New Prospect Road will comply with the County's new, more stringent setback requirements. The parties also join in a "no precedential value" statement, jointly acknowledging that the settlement agreement does not create any common law vesting rights with respect to county-issued building permits.

"This resolution is the product of reasonable minds coming together and finding a solution that works for both sides," said Kevin Gordon, Chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. "It allows both the County and the company to achieve their respective goals without compromising the County's permitting process – past, present, or future. At the end of the day, we are pleased to put this legal dispute to bed while welcoming Brookcliff Solar's financial investment in Cleveland County."

The settlement marks the beginning of a professional and forward-looking relationship between Cleveland County and Brookcliff Solar LLC, as both parties focus on their respective missions and contributions to the community.

The specific financial benefit to the County includes the receipt of \$100,000 in total payments from Brookcliff Solar LLC, divided into two equal installments as described above. Brookcliff will also adhere to the County's new setback requirements for the five parcels along New Prospect Road, while providing the County, our citizens, and the environment with an additional source of clean energy.

The County appreciates the engagement of its citizens and business community throughout this process.

Editor's Note: Folks, Robert A says: Stay tuned for the rest of this Bullsh*t

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