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December 22, 2025

Mr. Dustin Davidson
Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy
P.O. Box 94396
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9396

Re: Opting out of State-Level Regulation of Solar Farms

Dear Mr. Davidson:

On Monday, December 15, 2025, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Resolution No. 6881 approving the resolution opting out of state-level regulation of solar farms under Act 279 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana legislature.

A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE IMPASTATO
COUNCIL SECRETARY

MI/mr

Enclosures

cc: ✓ Parish Council
Ms. Samanthe de Castro w/enclosure
Mr. Corey Oubre w/enclosure
Mr. Michael Albert w/enclosure

2025-0390

**INTRODUCED BY: HOLLY FONSECA, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, DIVISION B
WALTER PILIÉ, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT III
MICHELLE O'DANIELS, COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT V**

RESOLUTION NO. 6881

A resolution opting out of state-level regulation of solar farms under Act 279 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana legislature.

WHEREAS, Act 279 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature enacted Section 1, Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and is codified at Louisiana R.S. 30:1131 through 1141 and 1145; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana R.S. 30:1144 provides for state level regulation for the siting of Solar Power Generation Facilities, more commonly known as solar farms, effective after January 1, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana R.S. 30:1142(B) allows any parish that has adopted solar ordinances to opt out of the state-law siting requirements, which would allow local ordinances to continue to govern solar farms; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Parish Council has previously amended the St. Charles Zoning Ordinance of 1981, on March 13, 2023 with Ordinance No. 23-3-1 to provide for promotion and local regulation of Large Solar Energy Systems (LSES) and Small Solar Energy Systems (SSES); and,

WHEREAS, the Parish's Ordinance is more robust than the regulations provided for in the state statute and the interests of the parish are better served to retain local control over these projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, finds that the continued local regulation of solar farms is in the best interest of the Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy, as required by law, to effectuate this opt-out.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, COMARDELLE, O'DANIELS, FISHER, DEBRULER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 15th day of December, 2025, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Holly Fonseca
SECRETARY: Michelle Opatata
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 16, 2025
APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Math Jewell
RETD/SECRETARY: December 19, 2025
AT: 8:45am RECD BY: [Signature]