



Ector County Independent School District

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: David Harwell, CFO

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO: ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF ROCKHOUND SOLAR B, LLC PROJECT FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FOR COMPLETENESS AND SUBMIT TO THE COMPTROLLER; AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION BEYOND 150 DAYS, SUBJECT TO BOARD RATIFICATION

DATE: February 19, 2019

Rockhound Solar B, LLC Project is submitting an application for an appraised value limitation on qualified property to the Ector County School District ("ECISD") pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and District Policy CCG (Local). Rockhound Solar B Project proposes to develop a Solar Plant within the Ector County Independent School District.

Rockhound Solar B, LLC Project proposes to develop a utility-scale, grid-connected solar photovoltaic energy (PV) plant within the Ector County Independent School District. The proposed Project is anticipated to have a capacity of approximately 225 MW located in Ector County ISD. The company has provided a map of the full scope of the planned projects. The boundary is in blue. Not all of the land will be used. Full construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in the Q3 2019 with completion by December 31, 2020.

Moak Casey & Associates has modeled a scenario whereby the District is still fully protected and shares in 50% of the tax benefit realized by the company. Under this scenario, the District would receive approximately \$908,327 between 2022 and 2025. These payments from the company are counted as local income and are outside the school finance formulas.

Application Fee: Board policy CCG local calls for a \$75,000 application fee. Rockhound Solar B, LLC has requested to submit a lower application fee of \$50,000. Moak, Casey & Associates and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo have agreed that there will be some overlap of the work they provide and will not need to duplicate for the second application. Therefore, both firms recommend that the Board of Trustees accepts the reduced application fee from Rockhound Solar B, LLC.

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accepts the Application of Rockhound Solar B, LLC Project for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property; authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness and submit to the Comptroller; and authorize the Superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the deadline for Board action beyond 150 days, subject to Board ratification.