



**Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity**

JB Pritzker, Governor

April 1, 2026

The Honorable Don Harmon
President of the Senate
327 Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Blue Branch Solar, LLC

Dear President Harmon:

This letter serves to inform you that the Department has designated Blue Branch Solar, LLC as an Illinois High Impact Business/Utility Scale Solar Power Business for its solar power facility (Blue Branch Solar) located in Johnson County, Illinois. The designation shall be effective upon the date of certification for a period not to exceed 20 years.

I have enclosed a copy of the Certification for Designation. This designation entitles Blue Branch Solar, LLC to the exemptions described in Section 51 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Denney of my staff at ben.denney@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Canela

Sabrina Canela
Deputy Director
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The Honorable John F. Curran
Minority Leader
309G Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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Dear Leader Curran:

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The Honorable Tony M. McCombie
House Minority Leader
316 Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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The Honorable Emanuel "Chris" Welch
Speaker of the House
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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Dear Speaker Welch:

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The Honorable C.D. Davidsmeyer
Co-Chairman
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
202-N Stratton Office Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Blue Branch Solar, LLC

Dear Representative Davidsmeyer:

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The Honorable David Koehler
Co-Chairman
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
323B Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Blue Branch Solar, LLC

Dear Senator Koehler:

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CERTIFICATION FOR DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/ et seq., as amended, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity hereby designates the following company as a High Impact Business Utility Scale Solar Power Facility and is therefore eligible for the exemptions described in Section 5I of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

BUSINESS NAME

Blue Branch Solar, LLC

FEIN#

88-1153349

PROJECT NAME

Blue Branch Solar

BUSINESS ADDRESS

2650 Locust St, Suite 100
St. Louis, MO 63103

PROJECT LOCATION

Johnson County
(see attached map)

Note:

This certification is effective upon execution by the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a period not to exceed 20 years. This business is not designated as being located within a Foreign Trade Zone or Sub-Zone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin A. Richards".

Kristin A. Richards
Director
Illinois Department of Commerce and
Economic Opportunity

3/30/2026


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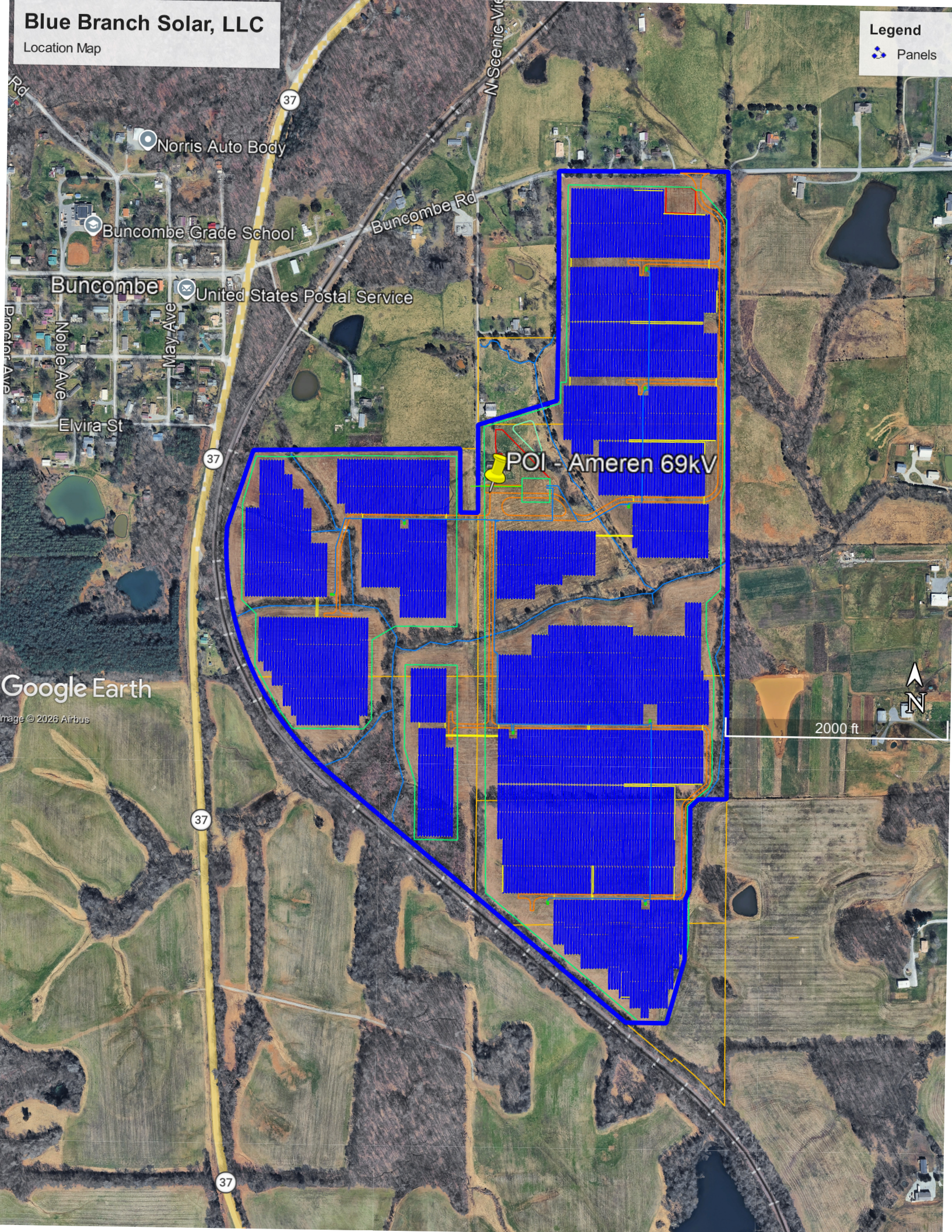
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