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Subject: sPower project

Gentlemen and Ladies,
I would like to once again voice my strenuous objection to the consideration of the placing of this UTILITY in our residential neighborhoods. I live on West Catharpin , and would be bordered on three sides by this monstrosity and I am appalled that you would even consider placing the largest Solar Utility in the country in a RESIDENTIAL neighborhood. I am also disgusted that the PC saw fit to vote to shut down any further PUBLIC comment (that would be the people you work for) in favor of allowing Mr. Payne and sPower to present obviously biased material from their list of PAID "experts". How dare you shut down and disregard the people who placed trust in you to be temporary stewards of this County and its resources? What you are considering here is altering our landscape for YEARS, and you have no right to do it when it harms citizens of ANY district in the County as this most assuredly will.

The PC staff has recommended that this be approved - may I ask if any of THEM or YOU will be living with this mess in YOUR backyards? I already know the answer . You have been provided with massive amounts of material refuting the safety and benefit of this project. Have you BOTHERED to read it, or would sPower rather you don't? It is your job to protect ALL the citizens for whom you work , and any project that has the potential to harm ANY number of citizens as this does, MUST be denied.

The "tame" appraiser from sPower's stable of "experts", who sits with sPower at meetings and refers to "the opposition" (that would be the citizens again , that you work for) can hardly be considered a neutral source of information. It is a proven fact that properties in other areas that were within several miles of these projects lost value - and here we are talking 50 to 100 FEET; which cannot fail to lower property values. But the PC would not allow a local realtor to refute that - only sPower's "expert" was allowed to speak.

The PC was also given a LARGE amount of information as to who the people at sPower are- theirs is a long and questionable history in the "renewable energy" field; one dotted with large numbers of LLC's to hide behind and avoid financial responsibilities ; law suits for questionable practices and no adherence to the terms of the contracts they've made with local officials such as yourselves. Other heads have been turned by their "promises" , but I've read the files they presented to "staff" ... with many vague references about water usage etc., and you ACCEPT these statements and are willing to move forward based on them? Again, I am appalled that you have so little regard for the welfare of the residents of the immediate area and the County at large.

I specifically object to the following :
The use of cadmium telluride panels which have carcinogens in them which will only show up in the ground/groundwater years later, but endanger the health and well-being of ALL living things as a result. Yesterday in Polk County during the installation of telluride solar panels there was a fire - a TOXIC fire. You can look it up - 2million in damage and the entire crew exposed to the chemicals . But your expert, oh sorry , sPower's expert, said that can't happen. How foolish are you really, that you think they can say there is no danger and you are willing to believe them ?

> The fact that FEW restrictions have been put on the "burning phase". Again, foolishness. Not only will that kill small domestic animals like chickens and wildlife but the prevailing winds will carry the smoke and soot for MILES and impact air quality for months causing all manner of respiratory problems .

The construction phase will only "inconvenience " residents for "about a year". Would YOU like the "inconvenience" of cancer, poisoned wells and trucks /equipment/noise by YOUR home. We've already HAD a year of logging trucks up and down roads morning, noon and night . Mr. Benton's explanation that it was "just mature lumber being harvested and had NOTHING to do with sPower ", that didn't cut it the first two times, and doesn't now. The land that was timbered **completely and irresponsibly** by "river oak Bill" was to benefit this project ; please do not insult our intelligence by trying to sell that line again.

I have watched the staff and PC try to MAKE this fit, by allowing sPower to come back time and again, while you shut the CITIZENS who will be affected negatively by this out of the process by voting to silence us. The obvious bias is telling gentlemen and has shown the citizens that big money really does talk in this County, while the people who elected you are told to shut up, sit down, and be quiet because you know what is best.

I listened to the Meadows' family heartfelt rant about their "property rights". What about MY property rights and those of the other people whose properties will be negatively affected? We moved to the country for peace and quiet; to live in the beauty of nature. Our dreams and resources are not of the scale the Meadows' already live by, but IF YOU GRANT THIS PERMIT, OUR dreams and OUR lives will be forever altered as you serve them up on the altar of Big Money to the likes of sPower , Microsoft et al. We are taxpaying citizens just as the Meadows' family are, but WE don't have the resources to escape this monster as they do. No, we'll have to trust in God to keep US safe since it's obvious by all the machinations the PC has provided sPower, that you do not plan to.

Vote NO ; stop this before it is too late.

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