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Subject: sPower Special Use Permit

Members of the Spotsylvania County Planning Commission

My name is Terry Thompson, a resident of the Livingston District of Spotsylvania County. I am writing to implore all members of the Planning Commission to vote no on the Special Use Permit to the massive sPower solar plant project that is being considered to invade our beautiful rural community. I will not reiterate the many issues associated with the development of this solar plant; you've heard them all. Many residents of the area mostly affected by this project have joined ranks in stating their position on having this project so close to established residences that have provided financial support to Spotsylvania County for many, many years.

The Concerned Citizens of Spotsylvania (CCOS) organization has done extensive research into sPower and the issues (both known and unknown) associated with placing a solar plant of this magnitude in our community. The CCOS has presented the positions of many experts in this field and articulated clearly and extensively the "what could go wrong" issues of this proposed sPower project. We have done our homework and presented facts that should be seriously considered in the Special Use Permit decision process. On the other hand sPower has said they will do so many good things for the community, making promises to enrich our lives but providing very little tangible long term benefits to our community while selling their power to large corporate entities. They have conducted their own, very biased, push poll survey of residents of the community and will undoubtedly share the tainted results to the BOS and others. The product of this solar plant will never be seen by the residents of this county. sPower has agreed to do things asked of them, but I ask what if after a couple of years beyond this plant being built sPower decides they won't do what they said they would. In much of the CCOS research their credibility is not that spectacular. Will they just ask forgiveness and proceed? Will the County let them? What leverage does the County have at that point to enforce the promises made? At that point, the County certainly won't shut them down and sPower knows it, because they know that Spotsylvania County will never allow the taxpayers to shoulder the financial burden of decommissioning and disposing of a massive amount of toxic waste. They are in the driver's seat and they are hoping you let them go where they want to go. Neither Spotsylvania County nor sPower can guarantee the residents of this community that this project will not turn into a financial and environmental disaster for the taxpayers of this County.

This massive project is the wrong thing to do, at the wrong time and in the wrong place. Those of us impacted most by the prospect of a major disaster from this project implore you to vote no on the Special Use Permit for this project. We are counting on you to support the residents of Spotsylvania County to

disapprove the solar plant invasion of our beautiful community so that we may retain the pristine rural nature that brought many of us here.

Thank you for your consideration,

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