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Subject: sPower Special Use Application

Dear Supervisors and Planners,

As the date nears for you to determine the fate of the sPower special use application, I urge you to unanimously reject it. You all have the benefit of months of research by many of our Concerned Citizens group. The key issues and highlighted by the content in the link below, based on the latest staff reports.
CCSC Summary of Key Concerns with Staff Reports SUP-0001-0002-0003 2Jan2019.

Beyond that, there is a key issue that you need to consider, highlighted by two of the Concerned Citizens presenters at the last public hearing. Specifically, what recourse will the county have is this project fails? Why would it fail, you ask? We know little to nothing about the contractual agreements sPower has with Microsoft/others for power provision at specific rates. It's none of our business, you say? Think again. Solar panels need bright sunshine to generate maximum power. Overcast conditions will limit power output to 40% of capacity. You don't believe it? Do your homework - look it up on Google. Now, consider the weather we had in 2018. If you buy into climate change, this is the new normal.

Now, connect the dots on just this scenario. Let's say sPower's installed infrastructure can only generate power at 40% of capacity – insufficient to meet the contractual demands agreed to with Microsoft/others and then Microsoft/others cancel their agreement with sPower. Now consider numerous other scenarios that could lead to a substantial financial failure that sPower has to contend with.

If sPower fails and walks away, what is our recourse? Who will you call – Ghost Busters? Now, reconsider the two presentations offered by Concerned Citizens first highlighting the horrible experience of a former California resident – and the second, highlighting the background of sPower's senior executive management. On the latter, you were provided substantial documentation, although it appeared you were reluctant to receive it.

Here's the bottom line. Like it or not, by default the County of Spotsylvania is a partner in this endeavor. As such we should be entitled to know the terms and conditions of agreements between sPower's LLC, Microsoft/others. If you approve this, sPower's failure is not an option. In any case, there has been enough evidence presented by the Concerned Citizens to lead to an overwhelming rejection of sPower's application. There is simply too much downside.

Thanks for your consideration.

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