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Subject: Advocatus Diaboli

Hopefully, my wife and I have gotten your attention with the above subject line! To explain, "Advocatus Diaboli" is Latin for "Devil's Advocate", an official position the Catholic church has used for centuries during the election of popes, the canonization of saints, etc. It was this person's job to take a skeptical view of the candidate's character, to look for holes in the evidence, to argue that any miracles attributed to the candidate were fraudulent, and so on.

We bring the concept of a Devil's Advocate up at this point in your deliberations re the sPower proposal for a reason. You are at a critical juncture in Spotsylvania's future and may be on the verge of allowing the installation of this mega-industrial complex in our rural neighborhood. Our request of you is simple...take a brief time-out and appoint someone among you to act as the Devil's Advocate. That person should be tasked with asking the rest of you the uncomfortable questions that get in the way of making a seemingly logical, even brilliant, decision re sPower. Possible questions may be:

1. Instead of focusing on all the potential benefits of this project, what are the worst possible outcomes if you go forward?

2. If this deal seems too good to be true, is it?

3. Are all the studies, analyses, charts, graphs, etc., being used as a crutch to support a non-personal decision when those of us who may become sPower's neighbor expect all

of you to also consider the personal ramifications of your decision? As stated above, all there "holes in the evidence"?

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and thank you and your staff for all the hard work on this proposal.

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P.S. The Devil's Advocate method isn't bulletproof. The Catholic Church has had some pretty lousy popes over the past centuries!

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