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Subject: Proposed Solar Plant

I am a resident of Fawn Lake. I have lived in this community for ten years. I retired from the United States Marine Corps in 2000 and I worked for Northrop Grumman Corporation and Raytheon Company which required me to live outside of Virginia. My family first became residents of Spotsylvania County in 1994 while I was on active duty. Our desire has always been to return here and retire which I did five years ago. My daughter and her family, my two granddaughters live in Spotsylvania County. We consider this our home. I was born in Boston, Massachusetts the youngest of 13 children. My mother and father were born in County Donegal, Ireland.

I tell you all this to give you context. Because I live in Fawn Lake, I have been called an "elitist". I almost laughed out loud when that claim was made. My background certainly doesn't qualify me to be an elitist.

I have attended most of the public hearings concerning the S Power Plant. I entered the discussions with an open mind, and I want to do what is best for our county. I have listened to the arguments and the concerns of all the people. I have seen the deep seeded emotions on display by both sides, and I have come to realize what a difficult decision this must be for all of you who serve us. I must say the whole thing doesn't make sense to me. This is a major industrial project of huge proportions. Everyone is for renewable energy, but let's call this what it is an enormous energy plant. It is so out of character for our county, I can't believe how it ever found the legs to get off the ground. The tax revenue is minimal over the life of the project, and the risk to the county is enormous. Spotsylvanians draw very little direct benefit from a project that is so massive and intrusive to our way of life.

I was prompted to write to you, only after watching last night's news. PG&E the largest energy company in California is filing for chapter 11 protection because of potential law suits stemming from the wild fires and PG&E's potential culpability. Please consider this in your deliberations. The potential risk to Spotsylvania County could be quite similar.

Very Respectfully,
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