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Subject: Solar farm entrance

Hello my name is Tracy Carr (Livingston district)

My family and I live at 13311 W Catharpin Rd. We were at the planning commission hearing last night. As we sat there listening to the staff explain the proposed plan, I felt sick. As they discussed the different qualifications for the buffers, I thought I was going to cry. We found out that our home does not qualify for a berm now because there is apparently enough of a barrier(according to sPower) that a berm is not needed. That was the first thing that was very upsetting. As the staff went on to list the entrances to the solar farm, I was gripping my husband arm waiting to hear if our fear was really going to be realized. So as soon as I heard the man say " the primary entrance will be on the south side of the solar farm on W Catharpin Rd" I could feel tears fill my eyes. According to the map shown last night it appears that the entrance is the timber driveway that is right next to my driveway! It is only separated from my property by a narrow parcel. The eye sore the solar farm will create was bad enough, the news of us not being "eligible " for a berm was very disappointing....and now the main entrance to a massive solar farm is going to be right next to my home?!! We are beyond devastated. We can see the cleared timber land from our backyard and from our second floor. I can't imagine how miserable the construction traffic will be for us for two years. It will be beyond annoying to wait in construction traffic on W Catharpin when I can see my driveway! I do not want to listen to construction noise seven days a week for two years! SPower can not honestly say there will be " minimal " construction noise. That's just not realistic. My husband is an electrician and has down construction work and has worked at power plants. He knows what kind of work goes into constructing this kind of project.

Long backstory short.....I went through an ugly divorce, and was a single mother of a newborn and 3 year old. I had to live with my mother until I could get back on my feet to get my own home for me and my children. I got remarried and we worked hard to save and pay off everything to qualify to buy a bigger house.....a house we love.....a house out in the country on a little land so my husband can hunt. A house out in the country away from traffic, noise, and any kind of housing or industrial developments. A house that we are very proud of and that we love. We just moved into our home August 31,2018....now our country living dream is being completely destroyed with the close proximity of this solar farm and especially the entrance!!

What about our property value? We heard a realtor speak last night and said that homes that are close to solar farms will drop 5-35% in value! Of course! Who in the world would want to buy a home right next to a massive solar farm....much less directly next to the MAIN ENTRANCE?? I definitely would not. Nobody would.

Please please please do something about this??!! Do not let sPower put the entrance near my home! We are the only home this is affecting! Please make the boundaries at least 12,000ft all the way around the perimeter of the solar farm to assure it is out of view!

Thank you for your time

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