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**Regarding: Docket E-2 Sub 1185**

- Duke Energy Progress
- Contact: Jason Walls: Local Government
- Business Address: 555 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806
- Category: Electric Utilities, Utilities
- Description:

Serves customers in Madison, Haywood, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell and  
Avery counties.

- Phone: 1-800-452-2777

**I. Complaint:**

Duke Energy is planning to construct and operate a solar panel farm within the town limits of Hot Springs. Due to low newspaper subscription rates and limited access to the internet, our community was not aware of this project and both our public and evidentiary hearings were cancelled. This project was not brought before our town Board of Adjustments to review and request terms of safety, compliance, reporting, and management. I also have grave concerns about the location of this project, our public safety, the impact of this project, and how it will be managed.

**II. Request:**

I request that the Utilities Commission delay any further development and construction on this project so that it can be brought back to the Town of Hot Springs for the Board of Adjustments to review. I also request that the Utilities Commission require Duke Energy to notify the town of Hot Springs and convene both a public hearing and an evidentiary hearing.

Thank you for your consideration and response to this complaint.

Sincerely,

*Ann Webster*

Signature (sign in ink)

2/19/2020

Date

Jeanne Caldwell Gentry

02/19/2020

Notary

Date

