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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you **to file a complaint** against the construction of a solar farm in Pleasant Hill, N.C. (Docket No. SP-5273, Sub 0).

I am very concerned about the huge loss of valuable farmland that will no longer be in production once a solar farm is established. I am afraid that these acres will never again be fit for farming. How is this country going to continue to feed and clothe the world if we continue to convert our farmland into super highways and solar farms?

I am also concerned about the effect solar farms have on our environment. What kind of metals will be left behind in the soil? What kinds of herbicides/insecticides are used for weed control? All of these byproducts will find their way into the soil and water supply.

Even more concerning, is the vastness of this particular farm. It will be a huge eyesore on Bethel Church Road. Nothing but rows and rows of solar panels for acres and acres.

Granted, we live in the country, so why should we stand in the way of progress? Surely there is a better way for us to generate electricity. I cannot believe that the benefits of solar farms outweigh the costs to nature and our environment.

I do not believe the people on Bethel Church Road have an adequate understanding of what this proposed solar farm would mean to their area. I would like to request a public hearing where all the pros and cons of this solar farm can be discussed and explained in detail.

Sincerely,



Verlene Stephenson