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PLEASE CONSIDER MY INQUIRY AS AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT.

Paul Walden

In a message dated 4/29/2015 12:31:18 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, lgreen@ncuc.net writes:

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Mr. Walden,

Thank you for your email to the North Carolina Utilities Commission's Chief Clerk regarding the publication of notice in Docket No. SP-5272, Sub 0. I am glad that the Applicant was helpful in providing information about the proposed facility. As you note, the North Carolina Utilities Commission's process for reviewing proposed electric generating facilities is governed by North Carolina's statutes. Indeed, the Utilities Commission has only that authority which is granted to it by statute. Under NC General Statute 62-82, the General Assembly has required that applicants for a generating plant certificate shall publish a newspaper notice for four successive weeks in the county where the facility will be located, and that the Commission shall hold a public hearing on the application if a complaint is filed.

Thank you again for your email. I hope that this information is helpful.

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ATTN: Chief Clerk,

Many thanks for forwarding my inquiry along to the business entity funding/sponsoring this specific solar farm. They are/were extremely responsive in informing me of their local interest in community education and health projects they are funding as well as directing me to individuals and entities here in Halifax County which I can only assume are their allies and supporters. Unfortunately, they were somewhat mute on the subject of why these grand economic investments here in one of the most economical depressed areas in the state are reduced to mandated advertisement in small print (classified adds) in the local newspaper (don't know the circulation percentage but based on the number of paper boxes in my neighborhood less than one in five households).

I would like to state that this under the RADAR approach is confusing to the public but I'm unable to find neighbors aware of these huge developments on the drawing board. Consequently they are likely to experience what our neighbors in the town of Scotland Neck did; "Waking up to a field of giant mirrors/sun glasses". Approximately fifteen (15) projects have applied for CPCN approval or transfer of CPCN from other organization here in Halifax county since 1/2013 to present. A similar number or more have filed in neighboring Northhampton County with much bigger 75MW facilities planned.

Residents have no idea of long term health impact and clearly no one is likely to rush to purchase a piece of property surrounded by giant mirrors. I understand that these facilities are governed by statutes written by the NC Legislature but do developers and land owners have to keep these facilities secret until the flatbeds arrive carrying the giant mirrors? Can we not expect our NC Utilities Commission to mandate more disclosure by way of public hearings?

Thank You

Paul Walden

In a message dated 4/19/2015 1:27:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [PIWIdn@aol.com](mailto:PIWIdn@aol.com) writes:

Attn: Chief Clerk,

Buried in the classified adds in the local newspaper (Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald) are public notices regarding a proposal to Build a 20 MW solar electric generating plant. Docket SP-5272 is to be located

less than a thousand feet (1000) from a residential area approximately two (2) miles south of the town of Weldon on US Highway 301.

I don't know what impact the physical appearance of this structure will have on my community nor do I know the ecological or public health impact that this planned sixty million (\$60,000,000.00) facility might present. What I do know is that there are no public discussions of this matter in one of the poorest counties in the state who rank in the top five (5) in spending on economic development in the state. My concerns are that county residents may be kept in the dark for ulterior motives. Would very much appreciate any assistance and/or guidance your office can provide.

Sincerely,

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