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To Whom it May Concern,

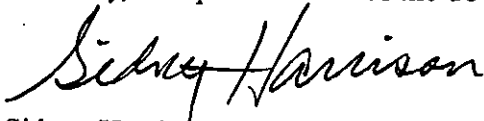
After attending the meeting to discuss the solar/battery storage project in Hot Springs, we are pleased to submit this letter of support to the NC Utilities Commission.

In recent years, the Town of Hot Springs has experienced many power outages due to difficult access to lines located on Doe Branch that service our town. Our Manufacturing Plant, as well as our Restaurants, Taverns, Stores, Spa and Resort Businesses must close during these outages, causing a significant loss of production and income. The Town of Hot Springs also has 60 Units of Housing that are occupied by many elderly and disabled citizens, and they heat and cool all the units with electricity.

For these reasons we are very happy to stand behind the solar/battery storage project. We are impressed with the technology and innovative progress being made by Duke Energy and are very pleased to lessen our carbon footprint. The future looks brighter when companies such as Duke/Progress Energy show an interest in solar energy.

We congratulate the engineers and staff that are making this endeavor possible, and once again want to stress that we are 100% in support of the project and feel very fortunate and excited that Hot Springs has been chosen as a location for this growing trend.

Sincerely, in representation of the Town of Hot Springs .



Sidney Harrison

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