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Reference: Official Complaint against Progress Energy, retaliation for filing to intervene.

Dear Mr. Corey:

Your correspondence of July 15, 2009 is well-received. All will agree there is a material distinction between whether or not an energy company would or could cause a power outage within my community the day after my December 1, 2008 filing on E-2 sub 936. That one perceives a threatening retaliatory act, and then discovers E-2 subs 926 and 931, laden with 15x greater financial interest and similarly structured malfeasance, lends strongly to motive.

Of course, if there is incontrovertible proof that Progress Energy <u>cannot</u> cause a targeted outage, the *prima facie* claim is successfully rebutted. However, you have refused to address or supply two material components: 1) an affidavit by Progress Energy listing and stating that any equipment, including components of DSDR, cannot have been used to deliberately cause my power outage of December 2, 2008; where the failure of one 0 gauge, high-voltage aluminum slack span into my community is split into two fused components before it reaches the hidden distribution equipment installed over 8 years ago, and 2) a copy and digital archive of the photograph purported by Mr. Lowdermilk to demonstrate a repaired wire with the foil balloon, alleged to have accidentally caused the outage, still floating atop the electric pole.

Once the aforementioned two components are forwarded and reviewed, I will then consider whether or not the power outage was simply sheer happenstance, miraculously coinciding with overwhelming temporal proximity to my initial filing. Your perceived bias, and reluctance to close this matter with proof Progress Energy cannot have caused a *targeted* outage, is remarkable.

Sincerely,

CC: Edward S. Finley, Jr., Chairman

Bob Bennink, Dir. & General Counsel

Renne C. Vance, Chief Clerk

Howard Lowdermilk, Public Staff, Electric

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