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Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2013 9:58 AM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: Noble Flat Hill I, LLC IP6687/WS-08-1134
Attachments: Sparks.pdf

Dear Dr. Haar:

Regarding docket #'s IP6687/WS-08-1134, IP6687/CN-08-951 and IP6687/TL-08-988

This comment is going to be short and to the point. No, we absolutely do not believe that an extension should be granted to Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC in any form, for any reason. We believe that they have had ample opportunity to start construction, including an extension that was granted on May 20, 2011, docket ID# 20115-62760-01. So in reality, they have had close to 5 years to begin this project. Obviously the need and/or demand for wind power is declining. It is just not needed. We just want the nightmare to be over.

I have added an attachment from a newsletter, "Sparks" dated April 2013, that is provided by our local energy provider, Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association. I have used arrows and underlined the paragraph that is most fitting for this situation. I believe this article speaks for itself and it speaks for those of us..... that have had wind power shoved down our throats.

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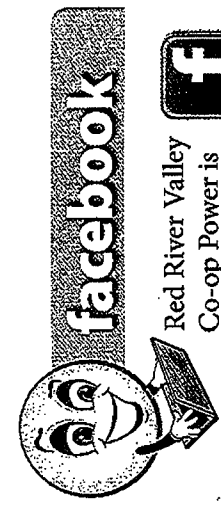
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Too often catchphrases dominate politics and discussion on proposed legislation concerning renewable energy, specifically solar. Words like "sustainable" are thrown around by those advocating for a solar mandate. If a TV reporter says wind is free or the sun is free, then there must be no downside, right? What gets lost when we use catchy phrases is meaningful discussion on the merits of whether solar energy is a reliable producer of energy and whether you can afford it.

In my opinion, solar energy is not yet reliable enough and still way too costly for state legislators to impose a heavy-handed mandate. Simply stated, proposed solar legislation (HF 956, SF 90) at the state Capitol would cost Minnesotans hundreds of millions of dollars for an energy source that only works when the sun is shining. Large-scale batteries are still prohibitively expensive. Just as troubling, this legislation adds another tax burden onto you that most likely will be used to fund solar installations for upper income earners who can already afford to install solar panels.

I don't want to speak for our elected legislators, but Sen. Kent Elken, Rep. Paul Marquart and Rep. Deb Kiel have indicated they are very receptive to our message voicing serious concerns about making our members pay for their

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From: M Larson <altonmae@hotmail.com>
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I recommend approval of the April 4, 2013 Flat Hill Windpark I ,LLC request,
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Respectfully submitted,
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