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Mr. Mike Bull  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

**Re: Rebuttal to Supplemental Comments**

In the Matter of the Application of Lemon Hill Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 180 MW Lemon Hill Solar Project in Olmsted County, MN  
**MPUC Docket No. IP-7156/GS-25-126**

Dear Mr. Bull,

I appreciate the supplemental comments submitted by Lemon Hill Solar, LLC and Ranger Power, and I respect the effort to clarify their approach to community engagement. However, with equal respect, their comments are misplaced and off course.

It must be emphasized that Ranger Power and Lemon Hill Solar are not the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC), nor are they judicial authorities in this process. Their role is to participate in the permitting process as applicants and stakeholders. The evaluation, weighing of evidence, and ultimate decision rests solely with the Minnesota PUC.

Direct phone calls and voicemails from Ranger Power representatives to individual commenters—particularly those expressing opposition or concern—are inappropriate, unprofessional, and risk being perceived as condescending. Community members have already exercised their right to participate through official filings with the Commission. It is not the applicant's role to "correct," "clarify," or otherwise privately engage those public comments after they are duly filed.

The appropriate forum for addressing concerns is the PUC's public record and proceedings, where transparency and accountability are preserved. Efforts to sidestep this process through personal outreach risk undermining both the integrity of the process and public confidence in it.

Accordingly, while their opinion is acknowledged, Ranger Power should refrain from contacting individual commenters directly and instead allow the Minnesota PUC to proceed with its review in the manner required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mike Keefe  
Mike Keefe  
Olmsted County Land Owner and Viola Community Member