

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Dear Chair Sieben and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to formally register my profound concern and deep disappointment regarding a wholly inappropriate and unacceptable voicemail I received today from a representative of Ranger Power. The message, dictated below and preserved in its entirety, speaks for itself:

“Hey, my name is Z.J. (sp), I’m calling from the solar company, Ranger Power, that’s working on a project near Viola Township... I um... just reaching out to everyone who left a comment on the permitting docket with the public utilities commission. Just offering my information for contact if you have any questions or concerns about the project—want to be available as a resource, my number is 734-709-xxxx, thank you very much.”

While this might appear on its face to be a benign outreach, the reality is far more troubling. I, along with numerous other residents, have submitted detailed written objections to this high-risk project, outlining in no uncertain terms the irreparable harm it would cause to our groundwater, our environment, and our community. Ranger Power is fully aware of my opposition—so why am I receiving a direct, unsolicited phone call from their representative?

I never consented to be contacted by this company, nor did I provide them with my personal phone number. The decision to target community members who have voiced opposition raises serious questions about motive. Is this an attempt to intimidate? To pressure? This kind of conduct bears an unsettling resemblance to witness tampering in a legal proceeding, and it reflects a shocking absence of professionalism, ethical boundaries, and respect for the public process.

This is not the first instance of overreach. Ranger Power has already trespassed on community members’ property without authorization. Now they are engaging in direct, unwanted contact with individuals who have every right to express dissent without fear of reprisal or harassment. These actions are deeply disturbing, and they erode any trust that might exist between the community and the applicant.

The public deserves far better than this. In Minnesota, we pride ourselves on a culture of civility, transparency, and mutual respect when it comes to community engagement and public processes. This is not how we do business here. Our residents expect that disagreements will be handled with professionalism, not intimidation, and that companies

seeking to operate in our communities will respect both the letter and spirit of our public participation process.

The public deserves far better than this. We expect—and demand—professionalism, respect, and a permitting process free from intimidation or harassment. Anything less is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

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