November 20, 2018

Mr. Ronald L. Brand
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Cc: All Committee Members

## Dear Ron,

I am writing because I will be out of town for the next meeting with regard to the Delaware River Solar application for a special use permit and change in zoning and set-back laws for 466 Yellow Mills Road.

I am again stating my objection to subject application. My concerns are major and sincere.

- Devaluation of adjacent properties. I own property a few feet away. I can stand in the front yard of 4500 Fox Road and look at most of the total 135 acres of the subject property. Any future residential development on adjacent properties would be severely compromised.
- 2) The land is zoned agricultural. Please read the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the "NYSERDA" Redesign of NY Sun's Megawatt Block Program. (Preserving New York's Valuable Agricultural Land are priorities of Governor Cuomo.) Let's help our Governor reach his 2030 goal by following his wishes and preserving our FARM LAND.
- 3) This subject POWER PLANT will make a very dangerous intersection much more dangerous. The intersection of Yellow Mills Road and Fox Road should not be dangerous, however we the people make it that way.
  - a) Cars and trucks run the two stop signs every day and night. Mostly local residents who live in the area.
  - b) I have seen tractor trailers run those stop signs.
  - c) When the corn is high, some cars will turn their lights off on Yellow Mills heading south to see if lights are heading towards the intersection on Fox Road and then make a decision to stop or not.

- d) I lost my 20 year old niece at that intersection. Anette was a junior at Geneseo State, studying to become an Elementary School Teacher, like her sister, her grandmother, and her aunt. She was travelling east on Fox Road heading back to her summer job after having lunch with her grandmother. She was hit by a large pickup truck, hauling a loaded trailer and doing an estimated 55 MPH that hit her driver's side door at the Yellow Mills intersection.
  - The door was pushed almost half way into the Buick Station Wagon. This man had no intention of stopping and had been running those stop signs for years.
- e) A few weeks ago one of my employees was heading home after work going west on Fox Road. He hit a car that ran the stop sign at the Yellow Mills intersection. His car was totaled; the other driver ended up in a ditch, the car on its roof. Luckily no one was killed.
- f) The size of this Power Plant will be a huge added distraction. Everyone driving beside subject Power Plant will have to gawk at it. Taking their attention away from the intersection and road.
- 4) At one of the meetings, I believe the President of Delaware River Solar, LLC made a statement that the transformers would be 8-12 feet tall. He did not elaborate. I asked Brian Venton of Paradise Energy Solutions how wide and thick they might be. His company installed our 666 roof mounted solar panels. His answer was 4-6 feet wide and 1-2 feet thick. I assume there would be three of them. Where would they be located?

Ron, I hope the Committee Members understand our concerns and frustrations. How would they like to own our properties?

Best Regards,

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