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RE: Opposition to Fountain Point Solar Project

A PJM official recently told senators that there is a wide gap between the overwhelming number of solar farms approaching operation and the reliability concerns of renewable power sources compared to traditional, fossil fuel generators supplying the grid. The rate of development and retirement of these sources could lead to energy imbalances. In other words, shortages and blackouts. The demand for reliable, affordable electricity is growing but the pipeline is full of highly subsidized, unreliable solar energy. This is an ominous warning!

PJM typically generates a surplus of power owing to its large fossil-fuel generation sources, which it exports to neighboring grids in the Midwest and Northeast. When renewable power plunged in the Midwest and central states last December, PJM helped fill the gap between supply and demand and kept the lights on for the entire region.

This and similar events, demonstrate that an electric power sector based on weather-dependent energy resources may be highly vulnerable to impacts of a changing climate. Composed, rational thinking is crucial when problems are unknown, unfolding, and likely to compound with bad decisions. Rational thinking is critically necessary in the current debate around our energy and electric power sectors.

You can't run an electric grid on good intentions! It's time to tap the brakes on this solar tsunami and allow time to develop comprehensive plans based upon data and fact, not supposition, innuendo and political spin.

The people of Logan County have demonstrated their overwhelming opposition to this project. You must deny Fountain Point Solar as it does not satisfy the local and overall public interest, convenience, and necessity.

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