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Subject: ACORN Settlement

Good Day Kathleen and Brian,

I will be working during the 12:00PM Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, so I wanted to send a quick email along.

I read the packet and have a question.

First let me say I totally understand the situation Aegis is in. I have been in it plenty of times myself. On any large engineering endeavour mistakes, small and large get made. It's just part of designing new infrastructure, be it a chiller plant or a solar array.

That being said, I wonder if something is missing here, or perhaps occurred behind the scenes.

A) As I understand it, the solar layout was changed during construction. Aegis did not realize until ACORN pointed out to them, that solar production was impacted negatively by approximately 12%

B) Aegis then recalculated the energy production and resulting revenue projections for the array.

C) The settlement proposed is based on those projections.

So my question is, was a **third party engineering review** of the engineering calculations and energy production numbers on which this settlement is based conducted? Did ACORN and/or The Insurance Company have the numbers reviewed by another engineer specializing in solar design/production to confirm that the projections for the new array layout energy production (and subsequent revenue) are correct, or is the settlement completely based on Aegis numbers? I'm not saying the Aegis numbers are incorrect, I just wonder who else reviewed them and confirmed the engineering prior to proposing the settlement.

Maybe this happened and is just not provided in the public packet, or maybe I am just misunderstanding things, but as I see a settlement is proposed I wanted to ask the question.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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