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Press Release

Subject: Proposed Solar Farm on Green Acres Road

The proposed solar farm on Green Acres Road is a private project between private landowners and NextEra Energy. Greene County Government has had no involvement in this matter.

To clarify:

- Greene County Government does not own or control the 20 parcels of land identified for the solar farm.
- Greene County Government has not offered any incentives or financial support to NextEra Energy for this project.
- With the exception of the increase in property tax revenue, Greene County Government will not benefit financially or otherwise from the solar farm's development.

The Greene County Board of Adjustments is required by North Carolina law to hold a quasi-judicial hearing for any application involving a special use permit. This process involves reviewing evidence to determine whether the project complies with legal standards set by state law and Greene County ordinances. If the applicant provides sufficient evidence demonstrating compliance, the Board is legally obligated to approve the permit.

In 2015, the Greene County Board of Commissioners adopted regulations governing solar farms after holding public hearings. Currently, the Board is considering a temporary moratorium on new solar farm applications to allow time for a thorough review of the regulations and to gather additional public input.

Greene County Government is committed to transparency, fairness, and upholding the law. While this proposed solar farm is a private matter, it must adhere to all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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