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Majority of Spotsylvania Voters Support sPower's Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project

67% Support Project; 77% Have Favorable Impression of Solar

SPOTSYLVANIA – sPower, the largest private owner of operating solar assets in the United States, today released results of a poll showing that a strong majority, 67 percent, of registered voters in Spotsylvania County support the company's Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project. Only 26 percent of voters oppose the project. There is widespread support for solar in the county, with 77 percent of voters having a favorable impression of solar.

"We are very happy to see that residents overwhelmingly want the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center in the county," said Daniel Menahem, senior manager of solar development for sPower. "We have been working closely with county officials over the last year to make sure this project is a good fit for Spotsylvania. Solar is the future of energy development and production in this country and this project will put Spotsylvania County at the forefront of both the tech industry and this rapidly growing energy source."

The poll, conducted December 15th through 17th, surveyed 400 registered voters in Spotsylvania County with a margin of error of 4.9 percent. Sixty-six percent of respondents also said they believe the county is on the right track, and 63 percent approve of the job the Board of Supervisors is doing. Additionally, the poll found that 61 percent of voters prefer the solar project over another type of development on the land, while only 16 percent prefer a residential development and 15 percent an industrial development.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a 500-megawatt project that aligns with the county's comprehensive plan and helps the Commonwealth of Virginia achieve its solar energy goal. The power produced by the project will be sold to corporate off-takers that include Microsoft, Apple, Akamai, Etsy and the University of Richmond. sPower has filed three Special Use Permit applications with Spotsylvania County for the project. The Planning Commission is currently considering the applications and are likely to vote on their recommendation in January 2019.

A memo from the polling company and topline poll results are attached.

About sPower

sPower, an AES and AIMCo company, is the largest private owner of operating solar assets in the United States. sPower owns and operates a portfolio of solar and wind assets greater than 1.3 GW and has a development pipeline of more than 13 GW. sPower is owned by a joint venture partnership between The AES Corporation (NYSE : AES), a worldwide energy company headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, and the Alberta Investment Management Corporation, one of Canada's largest and most diversified institutional investment fund managers. For more information, visit www.sPower.com.

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