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Luly, Please put a copy of the email and attachment in the docket. I have cc'd the service list. -Cindy

>>> "George Holmes" <gholmes@core-online.org> 09/19/12 4:45 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Voigtsberger

Attached is our response to your 9/10/2012 letter to Mr. Anthony Green regarding the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 4237

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Dear Mr. Voigtsberger:

On behalf of CORE - the Congress of Racial Equality, I want to express our outrage over your letter to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Green as documented on the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission website, public comments section of Docket No. 4237 Part II. Remarks made in your letter were insensitive, unprofessional, and inappropriate.

You cannot, and by the grace of God never will, imagine the pain and suffering that the Green family has endured over the sudden and tragic loss of their beloved daughter - Deanna Camille. Their burden is heavy and they have chosen to bear it by turning their personal tragedy into a fight to save the lives of others who may become victim to contact voltage.

I know the Greens well. They are members of the Congress of Racial Equality. We have supported their efforts and worked together with them to bring about significant improvements in the way contact voltage is detected and corrected in this country. Their cause is noble and their motivation unquestionable. They have just as much, if not more, of a stake in this matter than you or anyone else involved. To describe them as being in the "wrong place at the wrong time" as you did in your letter is an insult to them and their daughter.

The problem of contact voltage is a serious issue that demands a serious and responsible solution. Seeking the rejection of an unproven technology, does not make the Greens, my organization or anyone else a representative of anything, or anyone, other than the people whose lives we are trying to save. Your ultimatums, deadlines and threats to label the Greens "pitch-persons" are self-serving and totally uncalled for.

It is expected that utility companies will seek various ways in which to perform these tests. In doing so, the question must be asked; is using a less effective testing method worth the cost of a single human life? The answer must be a resounding NO!

Your attempts to coerce the Greens into agreeing to a live demonstration of your equipment by threatening to submit either your first response or a second one that "...is not as aggressive." and threatening that your first response will put them and the Deanna's Lyric Foundation in a "...rather embarrassing position" is totally out-of-line.

Your veiled threat to ask the New York State Attorney General to "...launch an investigation" if they did not "...arbitrarily drop" their filings to the Public Service Commissions in both Maryland and Rhode Island is an attempt to stifle their voices and flies in the face of the concept of free speech that this country's democracy was built on. They have paid the ultimate price – the loss of a daughter – because of the problem of contact voltage. If anyone is entitled to an opinion, it is them.

You are also entitled to your opinion and have the right to submit whatever verifiable information you choose to the Public Utilities Commissions in Rhode Island and Maryland. Be assured that the Greens are not nor will we be intimidated, deterred or distracted by your demeaning, insulting, threatening and coercive tactics. Once again, your comments were out-of-line and unprofessional. It is our strong belief that you owe the Greens a sincere apology.

The citizens of Rhode Island, like the citizens of New York, are entitled to, deserve and expect the best and most thorough protection available from this potentially lethal environmental hazard. The Greens, my organization and many other individuals and organizations will stand with them to insure they get it.

George Holmes

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