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Mike Rowe
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Dear Mr. Rowe,

I am writing to again request that you to release the full 3rd party investigative report of the Blount Street substation fire in Madison on July 19, 2019, and to request more information on the safety and reliability of all ATC's electric infrastructure in Madison.

We are nearing the one-year anniversary of the malfunction of the Blount Street substation that caused a dangerous fire and subsequent power outage on the hottest day of the year. As we are approaching the anniversary of this event, we are once again facing a heat index that is predicted to hit 102 degrees on Saturday, and we still don't have full answers about the cause of the Blount Street substation malfunction. Nor do we have information about the steps you've put in place to correct any issues you identified, or about the vulnerability of your electric infrastructure in Madison.

Your October 2, 2019, press statement and October 3, 2019 letter indicate that a mechanical failure in the voltage regulating component of the transformer caused the fire, and that you observed anomalies in the days leading up to the fire and had scheduled an inspection of the transformer on July 22. You also indicate that you were conducting internal reviews, and conducting an assessment of your other transformers in Madison. I would like to learn more about these reviews, but the private meeting you kindly offered does not inform the public as to your progress on these issues.

As I believe this information should be shared publicly, I request that you please publicly release the investigative report conducted regarding the Blount Street substation fire, as well as any follow-up assessments of the electric system safety and reliability overall, and steps you've taken to prevent any future occurrence of such an event. This was a dangerous and costly event for many in the city, and the public deserves to understand what happened and what the risk of a future event may be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SR-Conway", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor