

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 8:14 AM

To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] Prevailing Winds public comment EL18-026

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

As a landowner that actually resides within the footprint of the PREVAILING WINDS project, I would like to express my vehement opposition. I currently live within the blinking red shadow of their previous project, and cannot express enough my disbelief, that there is a chance of it being extended even closer to my residence. Our third generation family farm, where we have tried to maintain the integrity of our surroundings, and pristine setting, is now being threatened by a group of entrepreneurs, concerned about PROFIT. Where I live, we have concentrated on maintaining & promoting a habitat for wildlife, that South Dakota much promotes. I work to keep the area as undisturbed as possible, often to my financial detriment, because this is what being a "steward of the land is about."

As things currently exist, I am already deluged with more than my share of above ground utilities. In my immediate area, already effecting farming/wildlife, we have B-Y Electric, Charles Mix Electric, East River Electric, & WAPA towers. How much more, in the name of strangers financial gains, do I have to succumb to & be surrounded by? Even as things are currently configured, aerial spraying is very very problematic.

I am concerned as to devaluation of my property, as if we don't have enough electrical utility unsightliness. Say what you want, there are plenty of folks out there that are still afraid of living in the shadow of WAPA towers and undoubtedly the footprint of these windmills. Perception is reality for many, as I have seen tremendous photos of my land taken, only to have the WAPA towers photo-shopped out, or had visitors worried about the buzzing or other consequences from the WAPA towers. Now I have to worry about these windmill beasts? At some point will I have to be signing a "disclosure" should I decide to sell?, as if there was a something detrimental to ones health on the land?.

I next question if a public safety study has been done on the project? Law enforcement, Fire & Rescue, and vulnerability to acts of terrorism? We are looking at a major project, tied into a major grid, accessible to whoever, with high visibility with minimal public safety. Ask PG&E (Pacific Gas & Electric) how much they calculate & spend on infrastructure security. Are we going to have additional public safety? hospital capabilities? firefighting equipment? security patrols, reasonable response times?

I certainly hope that the PUC takes into account that this investment scheme, being supported by production tax credits, and a recent Pierre "handout" would be detrimental to the residents that actually live within its footprint. All of us opposed want no more than to merely farm & live in a quiet, flicker-less, relatively undisturbed area of God's great earth....

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Whiteley

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From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 1:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Ms. Jenkins,

An application was filed with the Public Utilities Commission for a permit to construct the Prevailing Wind project on May 30, 2018. You can find this docket, EL18-026, on the PUC's website at <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-026.aspx>, and maps are provided in Appendix A of the application, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2018/el18-026/appendixa.pdf>.

Since this is a pending docket before the commission, your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the open, public docket for my fellow commissioners and others to read. A member of the PUC staff working on this docket will contact you regarding your questions.

I encourage you to read the filings and follow along as the docket is processed. If you have further questions about the project, please direct them to the PUC staff working on this specific docket by emailing PUC@state.sd.us.

Here is a link to the commission's Information Guide to Siting Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities: <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/sitinghandout.pdf>. It may be helpful in explaining the commission's processing of dockets such as this.

Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 2:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Dr. Hubner,

Thank you for your email and attachment regarding the Prevailing Wind project, docket EL18-026.

Since this is a pending docket before the commission, your message, attachment and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the open, public docket for my fellow commissioners and others to read. I encourage you to read the filings and follow along as the docket is processed: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-026.aspx>.

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Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson
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From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:05 PM

To: [REDACTED] >

Subject: EL18-026

Mr. Whiteley:

Thank you for your message regarding Prevailing Winds siting permit request, docket EL18-026.

Your message and my response will be posted in the open docket so my fellow commissioners and others may read them. Here is a link to the docket:

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-026.aspx>. Here is a link to the commission's Siting Guide which may be of interest to you:

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I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns.

Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson

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