

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION BY PREVAILING
WIND PARK, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF
A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN BON
HOMME COUNTY, CHARLES MIX
COUNTY AND HUTCHINSON
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE
PREVAILING WIND**

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**INTERVENOR
KAREN JENKINS
POST HEARING
BRIEF
EL18-026**

November 13, 2018

I, Karen Jenkins, Intervenor submit this post-hearing brief requesting the Commission deny Prevailing Wind Park, LLC's Application for a Permit as referenced above.

From the Information Guide the PUC refers to anyone with interest in this docket:

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Information Guide to Siting Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities

Applicant Responsibility

The applicant that seeks the PUC's approval must show its proposed project:

- **will comply with all applicable laws and rules;**
- **will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social or economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area;**
- **will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants; and**
- **will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of affected local units of government**

What I believe the evidentiary hearing proved is this:

All applicable laws and rules are insufficient to protect the Public that are in and around the footprint of the proposed project. Please refer to the World Health Organization's website for their most current information.

The existing Beethoven Wind Farm has already caused serious injury to the environment and to the social and economic condition of inhabitants and expected inhabitants in the siting area. This project, if permitted, will most certainly do the same.

Witnesses testified their health, safety, and welfare has been substantially impaired living near Industrial Wind Turbines, turbines that are not a large and powerful as the turbines selected for this proposed project.

The local units of government have relied on the PUC Model Ordinance that used to be on the PUC website, which to say the least is insufficient in protecting the public from harm. The views of the local units of government are based on insufficient information from the PUC, biased information and unprecedented pressure from the developers of the proposed project, along with pressure from a citizenry which has been, through the Applicant, misled of the benefits of the project, uninformed of the known health risks, and misinformed of the progress of the project in order to obtain the easements needed to build.

The Applicant should not obtain the PUC's approval for this project. The Public should receive protection of its health, safety, and welfare from the PUC. Please stop the games being played at the Public's expense. Please deny this permit.

Respectfully,

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