
From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:16 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Mr. Schoenfelder,

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I appreciate you sharing your view.

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:18 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Mr. Fuerniss,

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

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From: Carol Enloe <Carol@hhsmlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:28 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Cc: JHPOWER@HCINET.NET
Subject: [EXT] Input on PUC Docket EL18-026, Prevailing Winds Park

To South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing to comment about the construction of additional wind turbines in the Wagner-Avon, South Dakota area.

Over the last dozen years I have traveled from West Virginia to Wagner to hunt pheasants for a week or longer each year. Our group includes 8 to 10 hunters and includes hunters from Tennessee and Florida and six to eight bird dogs.

We have used the services of Jerome Powers as our South Dakota guide. Mr. Powers has grown his guide business over the years and has built a comfortable lodge to house visiting hunters. In addition, we patronize local restaurants, grocery and hardware stores, pumping thousands of dollars into the local economy.

The wind turbines are noisy and an eyesore and decrease and harm the habitat for pheasant and other wild game. South Dakota advertises itself as a pheasant hunting destination. According to the South Dakota Fish and Game website, pheasant hunting brought in \$280 million in revenue in 2017. Charles Mix County alone generated \$7 million. This is a gift that keeps on giving year after year. It will be negatively affected by the continued installation of wind turbines.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:50 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Ms. Cerny,

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:53 AM

To: Brown, Karen [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Ms. Brown,

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

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:03 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Ms. Schoenfelder,

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:13 AM

To: kgandersh@gmail.com

Subject: EL18-026

Mr. Andersh,

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July 31, 2018

Marlene Skorpik

Wagner SD 57380

Dear Ms. Skorpik,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Prevailing Wind siting permit request, docket EL18-026.

Your letter and my response will be posted in the open docket so my fellow commissioners and others may read them. You can access the docket online by going to www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets and scrolling down to EL18-026.

I have enclosed a copy of the PUC's Siting Guide which is posted on our home page online which helps explain the commission's processing of such dockets.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristie Fiegen

Kristie Fiegen

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:33 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Ms. Freier,

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

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Dear PUC

As I look out my office window of the beautiful view I presently have, I can see a WAPA transmission tower about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away. That tower is about 115 ft. tall. Now I imagine a wind turbine that close, and that is approximately where the Prevailing Winds project proposes a 586 ft. tower. The wind tower will be more than 5 times the height of the WAPA tower. I can see the 405 ft. Beethoven turbines 10 miles away. Add 180 ft to that. But not only that, the blades will be about 440 ft. in diameter, sweeping over an acre of air in each pass and traveling at 200 mph at the blade tip. And then I thought of my neighbor who lives east of this proposed tower. He signed up for a tower. He lives out of state, but the house is rented out. Wind turbines are built on hills. With Google Earth I found his home to be about 70 ft. lower than the turbine placement. So, in his world, it's a 660 ft. turbine spinning at 200 mph. I recently visited a farmer north of Kimball who signed up for wind turbines 10 years ago. He would never do it again. He has 7 turbines from northwest to southwest. He has shadow flicker NEARLY ALL THE TIME when the sun is shining. Sure, they told him the "computer" will shut the turbines down when the shadow flicker reaches its legal limit. But he says that has never happened, and he doubts if the turbine even has that capability. Who gives a corporation the "right" to put shadow flicker into our homes so many hours a day? Someday there will be a class action lawsuit because of all the ill effects of wind turbines. It's happening right now in New York. Are you going to keep permitting these projects until that happens? How many people will you let the corporations drive off the land? How many homes will you watch go vacant? How many people will infrasound make sick? 586 ft. wind turbines and a 1000 ft. setback from a residence? It's insane. Please consider putting ALL wind projects on HOLD until a state standard setback can be put in place by the legislature of 2 miles (with waivers) from a residence and 1500 ft. (with waivers) from a property line of right of way. The people are begging for protection.

Gregg Hubner