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Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 8:03 AM
To: Gregg Hubner
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Subject: RE: rate hike

Gregg,

Thanks for your email. Yes, we do receive and read wind related news clippings from all the newspapers in the state.

As you correctly note, if a wind farm greater than 100 Mw is proposed, it will require a siting permit from the PUC. That process will include public input sessions and an opportunity for intervention by interested parties. <u>http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/sitinghandout.pdf</u> further explains that process.

Because the NWE rate case is an open docket, I am required by law to have your comments to me on that subject and my response posted in the public comments section of the website for that docket. You can view all of the information filed in the NWE docket at <u>http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/el14-106.aspx</u>.

Sincerely, Chris