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To: PUC
Subject: Comments on Docket number EL16-022

Members of the PUC Commission,

Hello, my name is Dustin Addy from Canistota, SD. I would like to comment on Docket number EL16-022, (the Prevailing Winds Project).

I farm near Canistota, SD on a family farm. I am an investor in Prevailing Winds because I am a very strong believer in clean renewable energy sources. I would like to remind you of all of the benefits of wind farms - additional tax revenue for our state, added jobs in construction and maintenance of the wind farms, additional revenue for land owners who are fortunate enough to have turbines on their property, reduced dependence on coal fired generation, and the last one I'm going to mention is significant to me is when I am outside cussing a windy day I think "great day for turbines producing electricity". You will hear comments like "they will decrease our property values", or "they are not sustainable without being subsidized by the government" or "they are an eyesore" because I've heard them all over the past several years. I have remarks on all those comments. First of all being in agriculture I am well aware and you may be too that without government subsidies, such as (federal crop insurance, CRP, farm program payments, etc) land values in South Dakota would be 25% to 50% of their current value. Also please show me a major industry that is not subsidized in some way. How does anyone know that wind generated energy is not sustainable without subsidies? Has it been done before? If they think they are eyesores, do they have cell phones, do they think cell phone towers are beautiful to look at? Another point I would like to express is diversification. We are told by experts to have diversified investments, diversified farm operations, etc., doesn't it make sense to have diversified energy sources and generation? I ask you to please approve of this project because I believe the benefits by far outweigh any disadvantages there may or may not be.

Thank you for your time in considering this project,

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