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This message relates to attached Scan0071.pdf(875K);

My Wife and I, Mary Ellen Hornstra and Eugene Francis Hornstra, as land owners near Avon, SD, although unable to attend subject meeting, do indeed support & applaud the construction of this 201 megawatt nameplate capacity wind energy facility. Our reasons include, but are not limited to these positive factors:

- 1) Viable and highly efficient future electrical generating power source availability.
- 2) Reduced reliance on foreign energy
- 3) Direct & indirect cost reductions to consumers for their energy.
- 4) Cleaner energy source for reduced green house gases & reduced global warming.
- 5) Reduced nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxides, air pollutants that trigger asthma attacks and other respiratory complications; wind power created \$7.3 billion in public health benefits last year.
- 6) Significant wind farm tax payments for support of the community including local school costs; over the life of a typical wind project, we get over 22 million dollars of new tax revenues for the State of South Dakota from capturing the blowing wind.
- 7) Significant employment opportunities for the community & surrounding areas.
- 8) Significant overall economic benefit to the community & entire surrounding country; current predictions show that wind can easily supply 20 percent of the country's electricity by 2030 and reaching that target with pollution-free wind energy will create 380,000 jobs.

The details and data to support these and other positive factors are well documented. We have found no data to support any suggested negative factors from modern wind energy facilities.

Sincerely,
Eugene F. Hornstra


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