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To: PUC

Subject: Prevailing Winds Project

To whom it may concern,

I am composing this letter in support of renewable energy in this state, wind energy in this state, and in particular the Prevailing Winds Project in Avon, SD. I am a lifelong South Dakotan and fully support wind energy. As a state, we have an excellent renewable resource that we have only minimally supported and harnessed. Every South Dakotan knows that wind is an omnipresent entity in our state. Wind is a clean endless source of energy and we have a plentiful supply. This project, and other projects like this, are not only good for the environment, they are a great economic boom for the state of South Dakota. They will provide innumerable jobs and bring in tax revenue for the local economy and the state as a whole. The ongoing proceeds from this wind production will continue to fund the local economy of the Avon area as well. This nation needs advancing renewable energy production and South Dakota could be a leader in the wind power production, but we need your support. We do not need projects such as these to be derailed by fear mongering and misinformation. I ask for your support in this project and your ongoing support in the advancement of wind power in this state. This is the time to improve the environment, advance the economy of South Dakota, and the security of the United States. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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