
From: Alan Meiers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 August 2016 13:13:18 (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: PUC
Subject: Re: EL16-022

Thank You.

See Below My Revised Letter with full name and address. Is this satisfactory?

To: PUC of South Dakota

From: Alan Meiers, [REDACTED] Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Re: Prevailing Winds Proposed Wind Turbine Farm

I own land north of Avon, SD that is in the footprint of the proposed Prevailing Winds Project.

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU REJECT THIS PROPOSED WIND FARM PROPOSAL!

My parents are deceased and passed this land on to me and my siblings and I consider it the most valuable and cherished asset I own. I know exactly the stance that my parents would have taken on this proposed Wind Farm Project and I back/share their same viewpoint.

- This controversial proposal has and will continue to negatively divide a close-knit and solid Avon Community.

- If approved and constructed, the turbines and infrastructure will forever change the landscape of this beautiful unblemished land.

Too many questionable variables and promises: **“IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE IT PROBABLY ISN’T”**. Consider the following:

- The demand/value for this land and desire to live in the Avon Region and Community will likely diminish.
- The noise may cause human health problems. Wildlife habitat will be forever threatened. Instead, tons of cement and wind turbines will dominate this land consuming enormous amounts of raw materials and energy to produce.
- Data shows that Wind Turbines at full capacity are at best 40% efficient.
- A 30-yr lease on your land with no option to periodically renegotiate any of the terms and conditions. No clauses for inflation, or to share in potential future dividends or windfall excess cash flow. Where are their projections? If during the term of the lease you decided to challenge the contract who will have the deepest pockets? Not the landowners!
- For the past 23 years, the federal government has subsidized wind power with tens of billions of taxpayer dollars through the Production Tax Credit. What do we have to show for it? Wind energy only supplied 1.6 percent of total U.S. energy in 2014. (thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/energy-environment/233562-what-do-we-have-to-show-for-government-). To quote Warren Buffet: **“They don’t make sense without the tax credit.”**

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to turn down this request that will forever cripple the beautiful Avon Community and surrounding landscape.

Cordially,

Alan Meiers



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