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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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My wife and I attended the Public Hearing on August 24, 2016 in Avon South Dakota. It was a very interesting meeting, there were a lot of interesting information presented

Many of the complaints that were presented are valid, but they don't outweigh the benefits to the general public. Cases in point, in the 1800's something as simple as barb wire was fiercely fought, but where would we be without fences. Automobiles were scoffed at and laughed at. According to some, our interstate highways should have never been built, where would we be without those resources today? Some people said rural electricity would never happen because it wasn't feasible. It is natural for people to fight change, but it's your duty and responsibility to make sure that the people of South Dakota are served for the betterment of all. It is the Public Utility Commission's job to separate the sentimental sentiment from facts and betterment of the public in general.

The usage of electricity is going to keep increasing and without the wind farms to supplement the usage increase, someday you may go to turn on a light switch and there won't be any power. We need to continue to strive to improve our country's infrastructure. Electricity is a commodity that needs to be available before it is needed. Otherwise people will suffer until production can again outpace demand.

We are confident that the correct decision will be made, when all evidence is reviewed. It's plain to see that wind helps everyone, whether directly or indirectly. Everyone will benefit, jobs will be created, landowners will be compensated and electricity users will have enough power.

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