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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Re: Crocker Wind Farm (EL17-028)

Dear Madame Chairperson and Members of the SD Public Utilities Commission Board,

I grew up in Clark, a very small community, which I was very proud of. We were always a close knit community that came together in times of need. We would do fundraisers for families that had been through tough times and we were supportive and encouraging of families with kids pursuing their dreams. I had always thought we were a community of progress, wanting to build together to keep our community great.

When I heard about the possibility of the wind farm in the community I was very excited. The community of Clark has struggled for many years, since the closing of McCain's. We saw a decline in our school numbers, as many families had to leave town to seek work. My own mom was out of work when McCain's closed and had to drive for work, but we chose to stay in Clark because we loved the community. The idea of having the wind farm would be wonderful, it would really give our small community the boost it needs.

It was very disappointing to hear that it had been voted down, and that ordinances were changed during the process. I understand that there are people that don't want to look at the 'ugly windmills', but you cannot change what isn't on your property. You bought your property, not everything within your sight line. I wish that the ordinance would have been followed to allow the changes to come into our community. Amendments should not be added during the process. Imagine building a house and every time you made a decision about where to put your bathroom, and what kind of electrical wiring to use the ordinance had changed and you had to replan your whole house.

Please reconsider the Crocker Wind Farm as it would greatly benefit our community, a small, close community that I am proud to call my home. I don't want to see a nearby town steal this opportunity from us, when it could so greatly benefit our great town.

Sincerely,



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