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Re: Crocker Wind Farm (EL17-028)

Dear Madam Chairperson and members of the SD Public Utilities Commission Board,

I am very disappointed the SD PUC voted to dismiss the Permit Application of the Crocker Wind Farm Project. I believe Geronimo Energy to be a highly professional company with whom we have had an excellent working relationship for the past 3 years. Their integrity is to be admired, as is their commitment to those of us as landowners and our community, as well.

Clark County's original ordinance of a 1000 foot setback was in place at the time the Clark County Board of Commissioners granted the Conditional Use Permit. In my opinion, it was not only disappointing, but flat out **wrong** for the Commissioners to add an amendment, such as changing the 1000 foot setback to a ¾ mile setback in mid-stream without basis in fact. Unfortunate repercussions have resulted and have put the project in jeopardy. Geronimo Energy is doing everything possible to bend over backwards in order to move this necessary project forward for the benefit of our county and state and I will support the decisions they make.

It is my desire to make public my concern of the loss of my property rights. I will make my voice heard in the upcoming Clark County Commissioner elections. I not only hope, but **expect** the Commissioners to read the South Dakota County Commissioner's Handbook, especially under heading of "What are some of the responsibilities of the County Commission?" There they will find one of the responsibilities is to develop, enact and enforce building codes. **The Clark County Commissioners had the local Wind Farm Ordinance in place!**

My hope and goal now is for the Clark County Board of Commissioners and the local community to not only support and work with Geronimo Energy, but welcome them in order to make this project a reality. I strongly support this project and ask the SD PUC to reconsider Geronimo's application.

I thank each of you, PUC Commissioners, for your time and consideration. Please approve the welcome the Crocker Wind Farm Project for the benefit of Clark County and the great state of South Dakota.

Sincere regards,

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