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**Jean Stevens,  
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Thank you, commissioners and staff for being here tonight to listen to our concerns.

On August 14, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court denied a Partial Summary Judgment petitioned by Crocker Wind Farm, LLC on the issue of setbacks. Issues in the case against the Clark County Board of Adjustment are still pending.

How can Crocker apply for a PUC permit based on 2000-foot setbacks or 3920-foot setbacks when the CUP permit clearly states ¾-mile (3960-foot) setbacks?

**The applicant states it will comply with the laws of our state and county.** Their track record here in Clark County shows otherwise. Crocker threatens in a letter submitted September 5 to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission that it will proceed in the courts in continued defiance of the terms and conditions of the Conditional Use Permit. This is not complying.

Who holds Crocker to account when they don't comply with this permit. They clearly have not complied with the Conditional Use Permit.

**Going forward:**

-----When the infrasound causes sleep deprivation and other health issues?

-----When the shadow flicker is unbearable?

-----When the noise levels are intolerable? (the Appendix D Noise Compliance Report) is shown as "not available to the public" **why is this**

These issues **will** be problems with 2000-foot setbacks.

**What then!!!!** Do they remove the problem turbines that cost three million dollars each? I found no reasonable mitigating measures in the application for these problems. .

**What are the options????** Move away???? How could you sell???? Who would even consider buying a home with any of these problems; and who can afford to just walk away!!!! This has been the only alternative for many homeowners around the country.

The Crocker studies show little to no effect on property values. Think about that!! I know of no one who would buy our home or any other home, at a fair market price, that is 2000 feet from a wind tower. Who would live by them given a choice? Who would build near them? What does this do to encourage young people into the area? I know of two young couples who were considering building here who will not because of this wind farm. What does this do to the potential market value of your property? These land rights contracts held by Crocker can be extended up to 55 years if they choose. This now affects the development of the land near the project, as well as land in the footprint, for the same amount of time. This clearly interferes with the orderly development of the region.

This **does** affect property values.

**2000-foot setbacks are not enough.** This has proven to be true here in Clark County and wherever these industrial-sized wind farms are built. For the health and well-being of the residents of South Dakota, something should be done to protect people from this wind industry invasion. These wind farms are going up everywhere and people are now realizing the effects they are having on the health and quality of life for those living near them.

**The Easy Answer!!!! – don't put wind towers so close to homes.** We are grateful our County Commissioners saw what happened at Oak Tree

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radar. Our local provider, (ITC) has stated there will be problems. This is another noncompliance issue. These problems, among others, should be resolved prior to PUC approval. Will this happen. We are talking about the basic communication systems for all the people in and around the wind farm.

**The list of impacts goes on and on**, but the one that is really just too much is the visual impact statement made in Section 15.5.4. They state, that with the 66 Day County wind turbines to the north and eleven Oak Tree turbines to the south, “the construction and operation of the proposed project will not introduce new visual components into the project vicinity.” I guess they think we won’t even notice 200 more 500-foot, towering, whirling, blinking turbines.

They go on to state that “adverse visual impacts are not anticipated. Depending on the topography and atmospheric conditions, the project turbines and transmission line structures may be visible. However, the project would not cause large visual contrasts in the landscape at this distance and would not be noticeably visible, if visible at all.”

**200 towers and they think they won’t be visible at all.**

My point is, how will all these issues be addressed by a company that thinks we won’t see 200 new towers in our landscape? Will they claim the noise issues, infrasound, shadow flicker, telecommunication and internet interference issues are nonexistent

**like the towers we hardly see**

**That is, if we can see them at all. THANK YOU**