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SD Public Utilities Commission Capitol Building, 1st floor 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 MAR 1 2 2018 SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

Campbell County has been experiencing the benefits of wind development since 2015, and the Campbell County Economic Development Corporation supports the continued development of wind energy in South Dakota. The Campbell County Wind Farm is a 95 MW facility consisting of 55 1.7 MW turbines.

CAMPBELL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Personally, I have lived in various regions throughout the United States. Each region usually makes the best use of their sustainable natural resources. South Dakota has an opportunity to wisely use wind as a sustainable natural resource and profit from it. We hope the commission recognizes the significant impact wind facilities have on local economies and on South Dakota's future and will vote to approve the permit for Dakota Range Wind.

Each year our county sees over \$250,000 in tax revenue from the project. Considering our population is less than1,5000 people, this has provided huge financial assistance in maintaining and improving our infrastructure.

During the development and construction of the project, Campbell County businesses hosted hundreds of construction workers, developers, and engineers. Construction alone required over 100 workers that lived, ate, worshipped and shopped in our area for nine months. This economic boost was felt by many local businesses and churches.

We hope the Public Utilities Commission recognizes the huge, positive impacts wind facilities have had on our communities and can continue to have on the future of South Dakota. We encourage the Commission to acknowledge the opportunities projects like Dakota Range Wind provide for rural communities like ours by approving the permit for Dakota Range Wind.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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