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To: PUC

Subject: Re: [EXT] EL18-003

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Commissioners and Staff,

APEX applied for a permit with Codington and Grant counties under their outdated ordinances. Aircraft lighting was not provided for at the time those ordinances were drafted. Now that aircraft lighting is available for use, I ask that you require those lights to be installed on any turbines that would possibly be approved by your commission. Our county residents should not be subjected to the constant blinking of red lights when that is not necessary. The burden of this energy that is not going to benefit our local community should not be placed on a few county residents, especially those who have had NO say in their being placed near their homes. Any turbines in the view of non-participating landowners ESPECIALLY should be required to be equipped with aircraft lighting only.

After listening to the hearing for Crocker Wind, I also request you require an outside liaison for Dakota Range, if this project is approved. Non participating landowners need a voice, and an unbiased person they can call upon when there are issues to be addressed with such an invasive project.

My other immediate concern is with the company of APEX itself. In 2014 and 2015, mechanic liens were filed against farmers, totaling 2.1 million dollars, because of non payment by the developer. That kind of careless, reckless, poor business practice can severely damage our farmers. Mechanic liens would make it impossible for farmers to obtain the operating loans they need. That project fell under the purview of Brenna Gunderson. (If this information is not allowed to be viewed by the public without documentation from the Clerk of Courts of Vermillion County, Illinois, please black it out and post the remainder of my concerns.)

Thank you.

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