

Good evening Commissioners, I am Marsha Hubner from Avon South Dakota. I live 10 miles from the Beethoven wind project.

I would like you to think about Wind Energy **as a whole**. Wind energy companies don't build wind projects unless they are paid to by the taxpayer. Then they **force utility companies to buy** their electricity through government policy. And included in the lease that people sign is a **confidentiality clause prohibiting** them from speaking about any ill effects. And then when the non-participants start to complain about **those ill effects**, they pay them with a '**Good Neighbor Agreement**' to keep their mouths shut. And the people who **do not** want to be a part of this '**game**' aren't allowed a proper set back that would make it **possible** for them **to live** among the turbines. It's really quite a deal.

This is not the first meeting where you have witnessed **passionate opposition**. Once again a stable and friendly part of our state has turned into a **split community** that will last **for generations**. Obviously **there are** negative effects on a community.

There is a growing number of people **testifying** that they have had to move away from **their homes** because of the shadow flicker, audible sound and infrasound of wind turbines. We are talking about **homes**, you don't pack up and move away for made up reasons, **or** take wind energy industries **to court** with your own money to shut them down because of the effects, but **that** is what people are doing. The health effects **are real**.

Where is **development** when people refuse to build new houses or move into an area covered with Wind turbines? The **thousands** of acres of land that is leased to foreign or multinational corporations of Big Wind, includes **not** just the area the roads, transmission lines, concrete and turbines are on, but **every acre** pertaining to that lease, fence line to fence line. That **ends other development** for that land owner **for 50 years or more**.

Electricity prices **go up** and property values **go down**, is that not a **threat** to the **economic condition** of inhabitants?

The PUC has the authority to permit Wind Industries, with the criteria of measuring their effects on the community's welfare; social, environmental, health, safety and development. I **hope** your main concern is **just that**. I would

guess most industrial developments make it a priority to insure the safety of those **in** and **surrounding** it. But what I have **witnessed** with Wind Development is that county commissioners and zoning boards, and it seems our state government's **first priority** is making the wind project **possible**. How did it happen that the **foreign corporations** owning these wind projects have taken **priority** over our **states citizens**? That is **so wrong and** short sighted.

I wonder how many times I have heard, "**They are just against Wind Energy**", as if that **negates** anything I have to say. I may see Wind Energy as it is done today, as a colossal waste of taxpayer money and land grab, but that's **not** why I am here. I want **what we all should want**, setbacks that are **safe** and that protect the **health and property rights** of those who made their home here **first**. If that keeps a Wind project from a few more turbines than they want, then **so be it**. What do **we owe** corporations in France, Canada, Germany, Italy, Spain?

Our **first** priority must be the **safety and well-being** of the **citizens** of South Dakotans.