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Comments: I would like to bring to the attention of the Commission a few issues and/or concerns pertaining to the construction of the Prevailing Wind Park LLC. As a non-participating landowner there is a real concern with proposed setbacks of the wind turbines from the property boundary. The shadow from the wind turbine would extend over the property line let alone the noise and wind currents from the wind turbine. This is not acceptable. The property is located in Charles Mix County within the boundaries of the proposed wind park. A number of wind turbine are proposed to be installed adjacent to this property. At a minimum of setback 1-2 miles must be provided between the wind turbines and the property line of nonparticipating landowners. Another issue is property value of the surrounding property. If a wind turbine is within 500 feet of the aforementioned property, the value will depreciate. Why should my family suffer loss just so a group of investors and energy companies can reap the gain. The environmental impact of this wind farm would be devastating to this area. During a time when conservation and environmental safety is at the forefront, a project encompassing 50,364 acres is not going to help. Recently the U.S. Senate passed the 2018 Farm Bill that has a large emphasis on conservation and environmental provisions. Senator John Thune supported many of the bills. The Prevailing Wind Park, LLC will not improve the environment or aid conservation. Until such time as Charles Mix County Commissioners define zoning ordinances that adequately address setback distances that are acceptable to property owners, the application for a wind energy facility should be denied.