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**Subject:** Public Comment, Prevailing Winds Park, E1 18-026

To Whom It May Concern:

My father was stationed at Ellsworth AFB in 1950-1954. I have numerous pictures and heard many stories of him and his fellow airmen hunting Ring Necks around the Rapid City area. As I grew up I always wanted to make it to South Dakota to follow in his footsteps and hunt those wild South Dakota birds.

In 2005 I finally got the chance to travel to South Dakota (Mitchell) to realize that goal. I contacted 8 of my closest hunting buddies and got them to follow me for the hunt. In 2006 we met a guide named [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from the Wagner/Avon area and decided to try that area for the hunt. Each and every year during the last 11 years our group has grown and enjoyed hunting with [REDACTED] in Charles Mix County. A few of us have brought our sons with us to enjoy the area and learn how to hunt. I now have a grandson and another on the way and I would love to introduce them to South Dakota Pheasant hunting in the future. I hope that will be available to them when they are ready to join us.

The past two or three years we have seen the development of the wind turbines in the areas we stay and hunt. The pristine farm land we have enjoyed has become an unsightly, noisy, area with diminished bird habitat and game. [REDACTED] developed his guide business based on the habitat and available game in his area. Without this habitat and game, [REDACTED] will have no business. I know that the businesses in both Avon and Wagner enjoy our visits because they remember our names and the amount of money we spend with them each and every year. They too will realize reduced out of town revenue and have to deal with the negative impacts of the turbines.

I know that the turbines will bring short term windfalls to the individual land owners that own the land on which the turbines will be built. I know you have thought about the maintenance and upkeep of those

turbines, as they age, in the years to come. My research indicates that those turbines will become a zero sum game with respect to power generation versus maintenance and upkeep. Is it worth throwing away an age old industry and revenue stream that has made South Dakota a bird hunt mecca for a few megawatts?

I respectfully request you reconsider adding any new turbines in Avon/Wagner area.

Sincerely,

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