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Subject: [EXT] Comments for Prevailing Winds Docket E1 18-026

To Whom it May Concern,

For the past decade I have been part of a group that travels to Charles Mix County to hunt pheasants in the Wagner/Avon area. Our group usually includes 8 to 10 people coming from various states. Our guide and host this past decade has been [REDACTED]. We have been pleased to watch [REDACTED] build a thriving business over the last decade catering to pheasant hunting groups like our all season long. [REDACTED] has arranged for us to hunt on his land and also on land owned by several other people over the years.

In the last few years, as the windmills have been constructed, the areas we can hunt have been reduced. What was once a bucolic view with quiet surroundings has become dotted with windmills which completely change the view and nature of the area by both day and night. The associated noise also has changed the quiet relaxing nature of the area.

Our group has become aware that the installation of windmills is expanding in the area we hunt, removing more of the habitat we hunt and spoiling the view. This is a very big negative factor for us and may cause us to cease coming to the Wagner/Avon area. There are other areas of the upper Midwest with good pheasant hunting. We can easily change our destination.

Our group pays for hunting and lodging, purchases hunting licenses, buys groceries and gasoline locally, goes to local restaurants for breakfast and dinner, and visits local taverns. Each of us typically spends between \$1500 and \$2000 per trip to the area, each year. With 8 to 10 people, that comes to between \$12,000 and \$20,000 from our group alone each year. And there are groups coming in before us and after us for the entire hunting season. The season starts in late October and lasts through the first week of January, spanning about 13 weeks and other groups hunt the areas we hunt each week of the season. That brings the total economic impact of pheasant hunting just this small area to somewhere between \$156,000 and \$260,000 per year. That may well be lost in the immediate future.

I urge you to stop any further windmill construction in the area.

Sincerely,
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