

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY DEUEL HARVEST WIND ENERGY LLC
FOR ENERGY FACILITY PERMITS OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A
345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE
DEUEL HARVEST NORTH WIND FARM**

SD PUC DOCKET EL18-053

**PRE-FILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF CODY KENYON ON BEHALF OF DEUEL
HARVEST WIND ENERGY LLC**

April 1, 2019

1 **I. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

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3 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

4 A. My name is Cody Kenyon and my address is 17615 480th Avenue, Clear Lake,
5 South Dakota 57226.

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7 **Q. Have you previously provided testimony in this docket?**

8 A. No.

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10 **Q. Please describe your familiarity with the Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm (the**
11 **“Project”).**

12 A. I am a participating landowner in the Project.

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14 **Q. What is the purpose of your Rebuttal Testimony?**

15 A. The purpose of my Rebuttal Testimony is to respond to the Prefiled Testimony of
16 Intervenors, who raise concerns regarding the potential impact of the Project on the
17 community and both participating and nonparticipating landowners. As a
18 participating landowner, I want to explain the benefits I believe the Project will bring
19 to our entire community, how the Project will bring much-needed aid to participating
20 landowners, such as myself, my views on the interactions with Deuel Harvest, and
21 address comments regarding the fairness of my lease agreement with Deuel
22 Harvest.

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24 **Q. Please describe your home.**

25 A. I am a resident and landowner in Clear Lake, South Dakota. I have lived in this area
26 my whole life. My family has been raising crops and cattle on our century farm here
27 for several generations. I own about 37 acres in the Project Area, and I live in the
28 Project Area.

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30 **II. BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT**

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32 **Q. Why did you decide to participate in the Project?**

33 A. I decided to participate in the Project because I recognized that the Project is a great
34 opportunity not only for my family, but also for the community. The Project provides
35 an additional source of income for my family and my neighbors. I believe the Project
36 will benefit the community by generating tax revenue and providing additional
37 income to landowners in the area. The wind is always blowing here and the Project
38 is a great opportunity to use that to benefit our community.

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40 **Q. Describe your interactions with Deuel Harvest.**

41 A. My interactions Deuel Harvest have been great. Deuel Harvest has been very good
42 about providing information, and listening to and communicating with landowners
43 who want to engage them in discussions.

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45 **Q. Regarding your lease with Deuel Harvest, do you feel the lease adequately
46 protects your property and your interests?**

47 A. Yes.

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49 **Q. As a landowner in the Project, do you have concerns regarding the Project
50 and, if so, have those concerns been addressed?**

51 A. I have not had any concerns. Deuel Harvest has answered every question I have
52 had.

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54 **Q. What does the Project mean for you and your family?**

55 A. The Project provides an additional, stable source of income and support for my
56 family. I rent farm ground from my mother, who is also a participant in the Project.
57 This Project will also help make it possible for my children to be able to stay here
58 and continue the family farm. The Project also represents progress towards a
59 sustainable future with clean energy sources.

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61 **Q. In your view, how will the Project benefit the community?**

62 A. The Project will benefit the community through generating tax revenues which can
63 be used to provide funding for township and county roads and local schools. The
64 scholarship fund for the local school will have a great impact on our community.
65 Additionally, the Project will benefit the community by providing landowners with
66 additional income that they will be able to invest in the local businesses.

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68 **Q. Are you aware of some of the concerns intervenors have expressed regarding**
69 **the Project?**

70 A. Yes, but I do not share those concerns. This Project is a great opportunity for the
71 community and landowners like me and my family. I also believe it is important for
72 the Commission to understand that I live here year round, and my family and I rely
73 on this land for our livelihood. We use this land, we make a living off of it, and we
74 need and want this Project.

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76 **III. CONCLUSION**

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78 **Q. Does this conclude your Rebuttal Testimony?**

79 A. Yes.

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81 Dated this 1st day of April, 2019.

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