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SS.

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Kenneth Reiste, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he is the publisher of the Tri-City Star, a weekly newspaper published in White, said County of Brookings and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona-fide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-one successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned, and was and is printed wholly or in part in an office maintained at said place of publication; that the

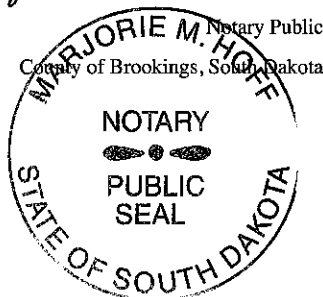
Flying Cow Wind, LLC

_____, a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet, and is made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once in each week for One successive weeks, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published to wit:

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that the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is \$ _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of December, 20 18
Marjorie M. Hoff



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Question and answer session with Deubrook Area Schools superintendent Dr. Kim Kludt:

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Question One: As an uninformed parent... can some history be provided regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force (reason why) and the rationale behind the new equalized local effort?

Dr. Kludt: Adequate school funding has been an issue in South Dakota for many years. Because of the drastically decreasing teacher candidate pool and the fact that South Dakota teacher salaries are much lower than teacher salaries in nearly every other state, Governor Daugaard organized the Blue Ribbon Task Force to answer the central question... "What possibilities are there to meaningfully fund education for our kids and our communities?" Initial members were appointed in March 2015 to represent the legislative and executive branches. These members were appointed to conduct stakeholder meetings and gather public input. In June 2015, Governor Daugaard appointed additional members to represent stakeholder groups such as school board members, teachers, parents, and administrators. The full task force met throughout the summer and made recommendations in the fall. The legislation based on Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendations was passed in spring 2016.

The legislation included House Bill 1182, Senate Bill 131 and Senate Bill 133. House Bill 1182 included a half cent increase in the sales tax. Senate Bill 131 established the new funding formula for K-12 public schools based on a student-to-teacher ratio, set a statewide average teacher salary goal of \$48,500.00, adjusted the provisions in the Capital Outlay fund, set caps on general fund reserves, and instituted the equalization principles for the six "Other Funds." Those funds included wind revenue (see full list below). The general consensus from the Task Force was that "Other Funds" are funding sources that, because they were not counted in the formula, established in inequity in school funding across the state. The intent was to "bring equity" to school funding through equalizing these funding sources.

Question Two: Explain the rationale to change the pension fund. Is this a significant issue for us?

Dr. Kludt: The change in the pension fund also took place at the same time that the "Other Funds" were equalized and as a result of the BRITF recommendations. For part of this answer, I will refer to the "Summary of School Funding Changes" published by the State.

In the past, school districts could assess up to 0.3 mills for a pension levy. The new law merges the pension levy into the general education levy.

For the coming year, each general ed levy was increased 0.233, which raises the same \$19.2 million that the pension levy raised in FY15. Because each class of property paid the same pension mill levy rate, the shift to the general education levy was even across the classes. Statewide, this is revenue neutral to taxpayers. Merging the pension levy with the general education levy also allows the \$19.2 million collected to be counted toward total need in the funding formula. The new formula also includes a benefits rate for schools that will cover these pension related benefits costs. Currently, districts also maintain a separate pension fund. Districts will be allowed to maintain this separate fund for five years, but then will be required to merge it into the district general fund in FY21. This gives the districts time to spend down these funds with out initially counting against reserve fund caps.

This was a significant issue for us as it further depletes our General Fund (by requiring the district to pay all retirement benefits from the General Fund). This is the same fund that decreases because of the loss of the wind revenue, and it is the same fund the district uses to pay all teacher salaries and benefits. The decrease for the 2018-2019 school year for wind revenue was approximately \$52,000 and the decrease for the pension fund was approximately \$123,000.

A great deal more information from the Blue Ribbon Task Force can be found at: <http://blueribbon.sd.gov/default.aspx>.

The entire "Summary of New Funding Laws" can be found at: <http://blueribbon.sd.gov/docs/Memo%20on%20Final%20Formula.pdf>

Question Three: Is there any end to the cuts in future years?

Dr. Kludt: Combining the loss of the "Equalized Other Forms" of revenue (listed below) with the loss of the Pension Fund revenue

translates into a loss of approximately \$730,000.00 for our district's General Fund.

To summarize, our decrease in General Fund revenue will translate to the following:
 2018-2019 = \$175,000.00 (\$52,000.00 ("equalized" funds) + \$123,000.00 (pension fund))
 2019-2020 = \$140,000.00 ("equalized" funds)
 2020-2021 = \$140,000.00 ("equalized" funds)
 2021-2022 = \$140,000.00 ("equalized" funds)
 2022-2023 = \$140,000.00 ("equalized" funds)

The "Equalized Other Forms" of revenue sources are utility taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes, county apportionment, wind farm taxes, and bank franchise taxes. Starting in FY18-19, the "equalization" of these revenues has caused a significant decrease in the Deubrook Area School District's General Fund. Wind farm tax is largest portion of our district's "equalized" funds.

In addition to the decreases in the General Fund, the Capital Outlay Fund will feel a negative effect from another change brought forth by Senate Bill 131. This bill also imposed a maximum collection at \$2800 per student. This maximum collection limitation will come into effect during the 2021-2022 school year. Prior to this limitation, the district was allowed to cap at 3% or inflation, whichever was less... plus new construction.

As we move through this school year, I will continue answering questions that you have provided me... and continue to share the great things that are happening within the district! It is important for us to realize that although our revenue is decreasing, we are growing. Student success is our #1 goal... and every decision we make will ensure our students leave us prepared for a successful future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Deubrook Elementary Title I Family Night//

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away as GRAND PRIZES at the end of the evening.

Wouldn't that be something if every family walked away with a board game/activity that evening? LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN! YAHOO!

This is an important mission, because we would like to model and promote good old-fashioned family time and learning through play. Research shows that we remember more and are able to apply what we learn IF we learn it in a hands-on way or through playing around!

We thank you for your continued special support of what we do here at Deubrook School District 5-6. We look forward to seeing you in November! Remember: look for an upcoming invitation in your local newspaper!

Just add an R for reading and another M for math and you have our STREAMM!



2018 South Dakota All-State Chorus & Orchestra Scheduled for Rapid City

Over 1,000 of South Dakota's best high school vocal and instrumental musicians will gather at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City for the 66th Annual South Dakota All-State Chorus and Orchestra on Friday and Saturday, October 26 & 27. The All-State activities will culminate with a Grand Concert at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. (MT) on Saturday evening, October 27th. Concert tickets can be purchased at www.gotmine.com, or at the box office in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. The doors of the Civic Center will open for the Concert at 5:30 on Saturday evening.

The annual All-State Chorus & Orchestra, sponsored by South Dakota High School Activities Association, is the largest inter-scholastic high school music activity held in South Dakota. The 2018 All-State Chorus includes 928 singers representing 145 South Dakota high schools. The All-State Orchestra is comprised of 156 musicians from 22 schools.

The guest conductors for the 2018 All-State Chorus & Orchestra Concert are Dr. Phillip Swan from Wisconsin, and Dr. Anthony Elliott from Michigan. Dr. Swan will conduct the All-State Chorus while Dr. Elliott will lead the 2018 All-State Orchestra.

During the All-State Grand Concert, the South Dakota Music Educators Association will recognize several high schools and individuals for their contributions to music in South Dakota. The SDHSA will also recognize one of its 2018-19 Distinguished Service Award winners.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: Permit for Flying Cow Wind, LLC to Construct a 345 KV Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Deuel County

WHEN: Monday, November 19, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. CST

WHERE: Deubrook Elementary School Gymnasium, 695 Palisades Ave., Toronto, SD

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input hearing at the above time and place on an application to construct an approximately 10.42 miles of 345-kilovolt (KV) overhead transmission line, a substation, and associated facilities (Project) located entirely within Deuel County, South Dakota. The Project is proposed by Flying Cow Wind, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Roaring Fork Wind, LLC, the joint venture formed by subsidiaries of its affiliate Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. and Vestas Wind Systems A/S. The starting point of the transmission line for the Project is proposed to be located in Government Lot 2 of Section 34 in Township 14N, Range 47W, Nordan Township. The ending point will be in the NW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 113N, Range 48 West, Scandinavia Township. The Project is expected to be in service by the third quarter of 2020.

The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At the hearing, Applicant will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Deuel County Auditor pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5) and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets, EL-18-039 or by contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, or by phone at (605) 773-3201 or (800) 332-1782.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22-40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission. Any person residing in the area of the Project; each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the Project is proposed to be sited; any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be sited or any interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CST on November 26, 2018.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts. Absent a contested issue, the Commission will schedule the matter for decision at a regular or ad hoc meeting of the Commission.

For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not unduly impact the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not substantially interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is (800) 332-1782; www.puc.sd.gov, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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