

December 20, 2018

To: SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

From: Timothy Gapp
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RE: Letter of Support for Dakota Range Wind

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Timothy Gapp and I am a resident of Summit, SD and a land owner in Grant County but am not in this project footprint. Many of us in this area have been supporting wind development for over 10 years and have been working with developers to consider this area for a wind project. We have a great wind resource here and now have the opportunity to harness that resource into renewable energy and create additional opportunities for this area.

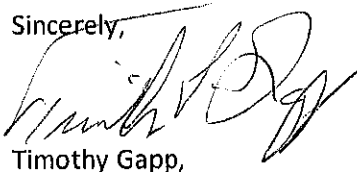
Besides the benefits of providing renewable energy with no emissions, there are several other benefits for this agricultural area. One would be providing an additional annual income source for land owners in a struggling agricultural environment. The payments to land owners are based on a "community based" model which provides income to all land owners participating within the footprint and not just the few who have towers. Second would be providing additional tax revenue for the local governments, and third is providing construction jobs and some permanent jobs for the operation and maintenance of the wind farm. All of these are critical to the survival of our small towns and our rural way of life in South Dakota which continues to be disappearing.

Dakota Range Wind has established an office in Summit and their staff has been very active in sponsoring informational meetings and being available to anybody who may have questions or concerns with their projects. They have also been active in and around the community sponsoring many community events and donating for community projects such as the Summit day care facility, the Summit gym project and the volunteer fire department and others. I feel they have demonstrated that they will be a good neighbor to the community now and into the future.

I strongly support the Dakota Range 3 project and recommend PUC approval .

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Timothy Gapp,

Summit resident/ VP Summit Area Economic Growth, Inc./ Minnwest Bank Market President/ Land owner