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To: [REDACTED]

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Mr. Kolecka,

Thank you for your message regarding the Crowned Ridge siting permit request currently pending before the Public Utilities Commission, docket EL19-003.

The commissioners are required by law to base our decisions on actual evidence presented in the docket process. We cannot make these decisions based on feelings or hearsay or internet searches. By law, we must take several factors into account when considering whether or not to grant a wind siting permit. The primary duty of the commission is to ensure the location, construction, and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects to the health, safety, and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. The standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

If we as commissioners were to disregard the laws when determining the outcome of wind siting permit requests, we would be disregarding the oath each of us took after being elected: to follow the laws of the state of South Dakota. These laws were voted on and enacted by the South Dakota Legislature.

Your message will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket so my fellow commissioners and others may read this information. Here is a link to the docket, <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-003.aspx>, and here is a link to the commission's Siting Guidelines, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/el19-003/el19-003sitinghandout.pdf>.

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