
From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:29 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL19-003, EL19-007, EL19-012

Mr. Simon,

Thank you for your message relaying your support of wind energy development projects to provide jobs and reduce property taxes.

The Public Utilities Commission has three wind dockets being processed for which the commissioners have yet to vote as to whether or not to issue requested siting permits: Crowned Ridge, docket EL19-003; Triple H, EL19-007; and Sweetland, EL19-012.

My fellow commissioners and I 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 the environment and citizens. The standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Please direct any future comments concerning pending dockets before the commission to PUC@state.sd.us, along with your name, full mailing address, and the specific docket number for the issue you reference.

Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the three dockets specified above, so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them. This Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/el19-012/sitinghandout.pdf>.

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