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Testimony on Triple H Wind project, 3/19/19 PUC hearing Highmore SD.

My name is Nick Nemec I am a farmer/rancher in the Holabird area and along with my wife we are the owners of land in the proposed wind farm area and we support the development of the Triple H Wind Project in Hyde County.

We have signed a lease with ENGIE North America and hope to have a wind turbine installed on our land and as we are both in out 60s we look forward to receiving an annual wind energy royalty payment to supplement our retirement income.

We are also supporters of the local community and realize a project like Triple H would provide good paying high tech jobs for the community. These jobs would provide employment for local kids and help stem the population losses Hyde County has experienced for decades.

One concern I do have is the proposed access roads to each turbine site. In my case the road to tower 18 in the [redacted] I hope ENGIE North America will consult with land owners concerning the location of access roads, so the roads can be placed in locations that provide the least inconvenience to the land owners and the least long term interruption of existing farming practices. I have visited with ENGIE North America personnel about my concerns and have suggested alternative road routes. I pray they work with me on my particular road issues and and are willing to accommodate other landowners who may have similar concerns.