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Mr. Fremark,

Thank you for sharing your view of ag development, wind energy and the Sweetland siting permit request, docket EL19-012, currently before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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.

Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them:

<http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-012.aspx>.

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>.

Gary Hanson, Chairman
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