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Roy Mehling



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Dear Mr. Mehling,

Thank you for sending the form with your comment regarding the Sweetland siting permit request, docket EL19-012, before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

You relayed your support for the proposed project's wind towers.

My fellow commissioners and I take a number of factors into account when considering whether or not to issue 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. These standards are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Your letter and my response will be posted in the docket under Comments and Responses so my fellow commissioners and interested individuals can access them. You will find the docket by going to [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2019 Electric Dockets, and scrolling down to EL19-012.

The enclosed Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this.

Sincerely,

Gary Hanson