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Dear Commissioners Hanson, Fiegen, & Nelson:

This email is in reference to the upcoming hearings you will be having on the Crowned Ridge Wind II wind project (Docket EL-19-027).

As you know, South Dakota is the *Land of Infinite Variety* and for that reason our state has a myriad of economic opportunities and our corner of South Dakota exemplifies that.

The reason I'm writing today is to urge your continued support for the wind energy industry and specifically ask for your support of the Crowned Ridge II project. From the local construction jobs to the permanent jobs and the corresponding spending at hotels, gas stations and restaurants the impact is tremendous. Watertown and the surrounding communities have all seen the local benefits and long-term impact of wind energy development on our townships and schools and for that we thank you.

Really appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this issue and all the work you do on behalf of the state of South Dakota and our consumers.

Sincerely,

Tim Sheehan President and CEO Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce