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Docket Number: RM13-002 Last Name: Decker First Name: Donavon Company: Ridge Energy LLC Address: 1725 Frank Ave SE City: Huron State: SD Zip: 57350 Phone: 6050350-0803 Fax: Email: deckerdonavon2003@yahoo.com Comments: Dear Commissioners, The reason South Dakota needs to have a published avoided cost so investors can see what kind of price would be paid for green energy. Our company Ridge Energy LLC has been trying to get a PPA with a utility in South Dakota since 2006. We have submitted at least four unsolicited

bids and one bid on a RFP (request for proposal). The company has never counter offered or answered any of the unsolicited bids. When this company told us the line we inquired about was a 69kv transmission line and then when we spend money to do a wind study and securing land leases they tell us the line is only a 34.5kv distribution line. So instead of wanting to build up 20 megawatts they limit us to 10 megawatts or less. Which makes it harder to get better prices on turbines and other equipment. Oak Tree Energy LLC most likely spent hundreds of thousand dollars and two years trying to get an avoided cost. The commission came up with an avoided cost for Northwestern Energy and Oak Tree Energy LLC. If the commission would have enforced the rules passed in the early eighties companies wanting to develop green energy would know what they would be paid. In the case of Ridge Energy LLC and Oak Tree Energy LLC both companies would have been able to know if they could or could not make the project cash flow without spending many thousands of dollars. Donavon Decker Ridge Energy LLC