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Dear Ms. Cremer:

Thank you to the SD Public Utilities Commission for requesting public comments on whether or not they should draft rules regarding “Avoided Costs” for electricity purchased by utilities from non-utility power producers, including small renewable energy facilities owned by individuals.

I strongly support the SD PUC making fair rules for avoided costs. I realize that some utilities, including the rural electric cooperatives, hope to maintain the status quo, which gives them a virtual monopoly on power production and distribution. But the 1978 Public Utility Regulatory Act was designed to create a market for non-utility power generators, including small, independently-owned distributed generation renewable energy facilities.

It is time for South Dakota laws and rules to recognize the need for distributed renewable energy, and to write rules that encourage such independent generation. Please implement rules that make this possible.

Thank you,

Jerry Wilson