

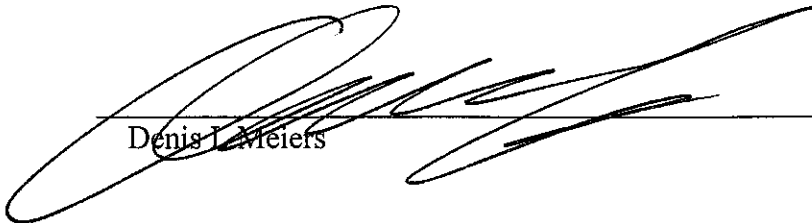
PLEASE POST THESE COMMENTS TO THE PREVAILING WINDS
DOCKET NUMBER EL18-026

I AM AN ABSENTEE LANDOWNER IN PROJECT AREA.


I AM OPPOSED TO THE WIND PARK FOR THE FOLLOWING
REASONS:

1. Land Devaluation. If the value of my land decreases because of the wind park I will not hesitate to litigate. Wind Turbine Impact Studies have concluded that wind farms have a negative impact on property values for both vacant and improved land.
2. My wife and I frequently drive through the Palm Springs CA wind farm. I cannot bear to think that the land that I worked for years will be surrounded by a wind farm somewhat like Palm Springs.
3. I found that I could not in good conscience put a 590 ft. tower next to my neighbors.
4. Serious negative health issues such as hearing problems, sleeping problems, constant agitation and anxiety have been well documented. Class action lawsuits could become a reality. At least one is moving through the courts in Europe now.
5. The Contract:
The confidentially clause (paragraph 13.2) in each lease destroys the credibility of the project for me. Looks to me like land with a turbine would be impossible to sell.
The Indemnity clause (paragraph 8.3) seeks to protect the landowner from lawsuits. I am not so sure of that.
6. Wind power is supplemental power and must be paired with Natural Gas:
It has been calculated that to generate all or a large portion of the power needed for our nation with wind power, we would have to totally cover half of the states with wind turbines. Wind is not the answer. Wind does not even produce 6% of our electric power. Sometime in the future after we have tried Wind, Solar, Hydropower, Nuclear, Coal, Natural Gas and Geothermal we will discover Fusion which is the unlimited source of power. Our scientists and physicists are working on this now. If all the present sources are ranked according to net energy produced Nuclear comes out on top while wind is on the bottom. Wind may even have a negative net energy.
7. No one will build a home in a wind farm thereby further reducing the value of the land. I for sure would not build a home in one.
8. We are risking serious environmental and wildlife damage. Not enough time has passed to evaluate the possible damage.
9. The probable insolvency of the owner and/or new technology in the future will render the towers unusable. How does the landowner remove the towers? I have a hard time

believing that money will be available for the decommission and restoration of the land. If the landowner has to pay for this it will grossly decrease his total net income from the turbines.


_____ Denis L. Meiers _____ 2/10/18
date

Denis L Meiers


San Diego, CA 92128




From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 4:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-026

Mr. Meiers:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Prevailing Wind siting permit request, docket EL18-026.

Your letter and my response will be posted in the open docket so my fellow commissioners and others may read them. Here is a link to the docket, <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-026.aspx>, and a link to the Siting Guide which helps explain the commission's processing of such dockets, <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/sitinghandout.pdf>.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns.

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