From:

Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 2:11 PM

To: PUC-PUC < <u>PUC@state.sd.us</u>>

Subject: [EXT] EL 18-026

Dear P.U.C. Commissioners,

I am writing you to ask that you outright deny or place a 1 year moratorium on docket EL 18-026. The public safety is at risk, and to allow these turbines in close proximity of rural land owners is wrong, and puts their safety in danger. No one-not even the developers are aware of the health effects generated by these turbines. In Minnesota the Shirley wind farm has been designated a health hazard. Is this what we want for South Dakotans? It is your job to keep us safe, allowing them in without having full knowledge of the health effects is raw negligence on your part. Therefore I ask for the complete denial, or at a minimum a one year moratorium to learn more about the ill effects of placing people of YOUR state INSIDE an INDUSTRIAL WIND FARM. After all, would you and your family like to live there?

Thank You

Sincerely, Daniel Kaaz

South Shore, SD 57263

From: david

Sent: Sunday, November 4, 2018 9:32 PM

To: PUC-PUC < PUC@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] EL 18-026 Prevailing Winds

David Ratzlaff

Avon, sd 57315

Please post my comments.

Dear PUC commissioners and staff,

Please deny the Prevailing Wind Park permit. I have listened to all the Crocker, Dakota Range, and now Prevailing Wind Park hearings. This hearing was nothing like the others. The opponents did an outstanding job of bringing in expert witnesses and providing countless information that you have never even heard or considered of how harmful wind turbines actually are! Prevailing winds did nothing to prove wind turbines don't negatively effect the environment.

I live 6 miles south of Avon. Vicki May, one of the witnesses gave a personal testimony that I am sure you won't forget. The wind farm she talks about I can see from my home clear as day and it has to be 50, 60 or more miles away. I can see the blades turning on most days! I see what seems to be hundreds of lights at night. I can only imagine what it's like a few miles away.

I rent farm ground from 4 people in the project area. 3 of them signed leases. 2 of them were told would get towers. Well those 2 did not and other one appears to have an access road going across their property. So why lie to get them to sign? Because they wanted the neighbors. See 2 of them have WAPA lines splitting the ground. Way to close to have a tower, but somehow Prevailing Winds says WAPA dont care how close they are.

One fear I have is 2 towers are directly across from where I farm to the south. That neighbor uses dicamba. We all know how that has gone so far. I had drift last year on my beans. How does a turbine not create some type of effect on drift that will come to my property? Who will compensate me for my loss? Sounds like a big fight for lawyers.

Please error on the side of caution. The opponents have proven turbines are harmful to peoples health. Peoples health, safety, and livelihoods are at stake here and it's up to the PUC to do the right thing. So please reject this permit and protect the people of South Dakota.

David Ratzlaff

From: Charles Cvrk **Sent:** Monday, November 5, 2018 9:47 AM

To: PUC-PUC < PUC@state.sd.us > Subject: [EXT] Please post attachment on docket EL18-026 Prevailing Winds

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Sincerely, Charles Cvrk

Springfield, SD 57062

No to Prevailing Winds!!

Please post on docket EL18-026 Prevailing Winds Charles Cvrk

Springfield, SD 57062

I am writing in support of my neighbors and friends efforts to ensure that our neighborhood is one that is not obstructed and impacted by huge, monstrous, unsightly, dangerous and unhealthy windmills.

True economic analysis based on removal of subsidies and long term impact clearly show that this form of "renewable" energy benefits only those who receive the tax breaks and subsidies offered by governments at the expense of tax payers.

The urge to approve more projects simply because surrounding states are putting up more and have more is not a rationale, it is an emotion South Dakotans should avoid.

Our neighbors who have been fooled by "Big Wind" to negatively impact their own community, should not be allowed to destroy the natural beauty of the region (monstrosities can be seen at night for miles and miles, see the 1/3 shorter ones near Tripp and in Nebraska at night some time.). Nor should they be allowed to impact others' property values.

This energy is not readily available to provide constant power on demand. This is a fact. You are forcing utilities to purchase this energy at the expense of reliable energy sources at lower cost. Why? To fill some urgent, short term political need?

Please protect citizens from the encroachment of outsiders who have no consideration for our natural beauty, our health and our comity. Wind power divides and is not scientifically supportable!!

Charles Cvrk

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From: Mike Hubner

Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 9:50 AM

To: PUC-PUC < PUC@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] commment for Docket EL 18-026 Prevailing Winds

PUC Please post my comments on the Docket EL 18-026 Prevailing Winds

Mike Hubner

Avon, SD 57315



Dear PUC

After listening to the evidentiary hearing that you had, I did not see where prevailing winds proved anything, only to try to down play the health issues that are real, and just by putting that Confidentiality Clause in there contracts should tell you that. You can only lie so long, anyone that sees that Confidentiality Clause in the contract should know that there is a reason for it, people that get sick cannot talk. From what I heard on that tape is that the county commissioners knew less then not knowing anything at all. Why would you let the wind companies write up what they want. Are you not seeing what is going on all over with these towers and the effects that go along with them. How many sick people does it take to make you see what is going on? And most of these are from smaller towers, they want to put up 586ft towers here, what effects do you think that extra size is going to make, when you already have people getting sick from shorter ones. And we are not even getting into what it does to the birds, bats, animals, they do not have a say in the setbacks, but we do, and YOU SHOULD LISTEN. There is enough proof out there that even a 2 mile set back is not enough. I was taught that if your word is not any good, then the paper that you write it on is No good either. How many times did the wind people Lie to you or did something that they said they would not do? South Dakota already has the reputation of being one of the most Corrupt Governments there is, and I am sure it has to do with Money, and if money is your God, then you are in trouble. When you choose money over the health of the people, then you are not doing your job. People matter, money does not. Mike Hubner

From:

Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 4:51 PM

To: PUC-PUC < <u>PUC@state.sd.us</u>> Subject: [EXT] Docket EL18-026

PUC.

Why would you let this wind farm come in with these gigantic turbines?! You have testimony from humans who have experienced first hand the consequences of these industrial behemoths around them...listen. It was heartbreaking to hear.

As an acreage land owner, who has rights too, strongly object to Wind Industrial "Farms" destroying the South Dakota Prairies. They are not only ugly, their sight and sound effect everyone and every animal around them! They are an intrusion to the people of South Dakota!

If farmers want to put something that does not effect their neighbors, let them put Solar Panels on their land.

The rest of us should not have to put up with the ugliness, the noise, the risk of fire, and the injury to the wildlife!

And to top it off, our property values will go down. Right now, 3 houses around me in Deuel County who are fleeing the Wind Turbines that may come here, have not been able to sell their acreages.

WHO wants to live amongst them!?! Certainly not YOU or the Developers!

Please stop the madness and stop these Wind Developers! No amount of money is worth it!

Jennifer Stanga Kolbeck

Gary, S.D. 57237