
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 01 May 2018 23:18:03 (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: PUC
Subject: [EXT] PUC docket EL18-003

PUC,

Please deny the application of these projects! You are letting our state be invaded by Iron Giants that are cluttering up our landscape and taking our property values down. Who is going to want to live in a Metal Graveyard in this state?!

Why are you letting this happen? Would any of you live by these monstrosities?! I bet not. But, we are being forced to!

Think of the people's land and lives that are being destroyed by the 'use' of these wind turbines: the shadow flicker, the noise pollution, the blinking red lights at night, the disruption and killing of wildlife in our state, the beautiful Prairie raped by Industrial Metal Monsters, and the decrease in value of our properties and living!

The people in Coddington County are just now becoming aware of these projects because of the way Big Wind has snuck around and got farmers to sign up, and then they have them sign a gag order to not talk about it...all long before it ever gets to the Public and they ask for the permits.

Big Wind deceives the Public with their newspaper ads and radio ads that say what a benefit they will be to the state! People *actually* think that the power is for South Dakota! And it isn't! Why let them use South Dakota for their dumping ground?!?! The same thing happened in Deuel County (where I live). Dirty Pool!

And you are letting this happen to your state!?! Shame on you!

Please make this nightmare go away! Stop the madness! Save our beautiful state!

Jennifer Stanga Kolbeck

[REDACTED]
Gary, South Dakota

57237

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 9:02 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-003

Ms. Kolbeck:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Dakota Range Wind Energy facility siting request, docket EL18-003, filed with the commission by the applicant on Jan. 24, 2018.

Since this is an open docket before the commission, your message and my response will be posted in the public record for EL18-003 so my fellow commissioners and others can read them. Here is a

link to the docket, <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-003.aspx>, and here is a link to the commission's Information Guide to Siting Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities that you may find helpful, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/sitinghandout.pdf>.

I appreciate receiving information and hearing concerns from South Dakotans regarding dockets before the commission.

Chairperson Kristie Fiegen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
www.puc.sd.gov

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Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

Address

Brian Westhal

Phone

milbank SD 57252

4-23-18

Date

Printed Name

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Additional Comments:

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Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Patrick Lynch

Signature

Address

Patrick Lynch

Wate town, SD 5720

4.16.18 062901

Date

Printed Name

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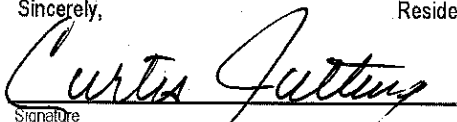
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Address Stansburg SD 57265

Curtis Jutting

 4-22-18

Printed Name

Phone

Date

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Additional Comments:

The towers affect my parents home where my kids play.

Sincerely,

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other





Address Centreville VA 20121

Christina Menchaca

 20 April 18

Printed Name

Phone

Date

1002902

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Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Kathy Tyler

Signature

Kathy Tyler

Printed Name

[Redacted Address]

Address

Br Stone City SD 57214
4/21/18

Phone

[Redacted Phone]

Date

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Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Sean Johnson

Signature

Sean Johnson

Printed Name

[Redacted Address] South Dakota SD

Address

[Redacted Phone] 4/21/18

Phone

Date

002903

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Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

Arlo Fish

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Signature

Arlo Fish

Printed Name

Address

[Redacted Address]

Stockholm, S.D.

Phone

[Redacted Phone]

Date

4-26-18

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Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

Mura Dahl

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Signature

Mura Dahl

Printed Name

Address

[Redacted Address]

Watertown, SD

Phone

[Redacted Phone]

Date

002904

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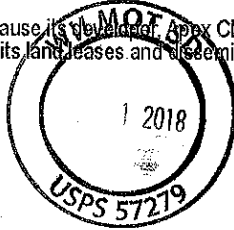
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Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Arleen Baugman
Signature

[Redacted] Stradborg, S.D.
Address

Arlene Baugman
Printed Name

[Redacted] 4/26/18
Phone Date

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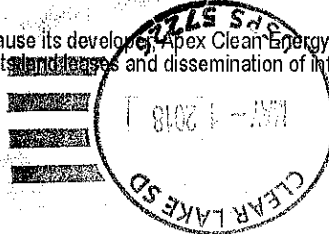
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Warren L Berg
Signature

[Redacted] Stradborg
Address

Warren L. Berg
Printed Name

[Redacted] 4-22-18
Phone Date

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Nicholas Westfield
Signature

[Redacted] Milbank SD
Address 57252

Nicholas Westfield
Printed Name

[Redacted] Milbank SD
Phone _____ Date 57252

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Doug Dahl
Signature

[Redacted] WATERTOWN
Address

Doug Dahl
Printed Name

[Redacted] 002906

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Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Dawn Hamann

[Redacted Address]

Signature

Address

Dawn Hamann

South Shore, SD 57263

Printed Name

Phone

Date

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Daniel A. Koz

[Redacted Address]

Signature

Address

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South Shore

Printed Name

Phone

Date

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Lori Nelson
Signature

Strandburg, SD 57265
Address

Lori Nelson
Printed Name

[Redacted] 4-23-18
Phone Date

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Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Tim Tyler
Signature

Big Stone City, SD 57216
Address

Tim Tyler
Printed Name

Big [Redacted] 4-21-18
Phone Date 002908

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Cary Hamann

Signature

Address

504th Shore RD 57203

Phone

4-20-18
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Pete Maysen

Signature

Address

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Phone

4-21-18
Date

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Delores Ruffer
Signature

[Redacted] Strandburg, S.D.
Address

Delores J. Ruffer
Printed Name

[Redacted] 4-26-18
Phone Date

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Shirley E. Robish
Signature

[Redacted] Strandburg, SD 57362
Address

Shirley E. Robish
Printed Name

[Redacted] 4-21-18
Phone Date

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

PUC Docket EL18-003

Please consider my demand for denial of the proposed Dakota Range Wind energy project.

In the application that has been presented to you, Apex is proposing to use Vestas V136-4.2 MW turbines throughout the project. They are not varying turbine heights or capacity for best use throughout the project.

Apex has used only A-weighted scale to determine noise. A C-weighted scale (dBC) should also be applied to measure low frequency sound to the property line on this project to protect the health and safety of adjoining property owners. A maximum of 20 dBC at the property line should be the maximum threshold.

Presenting at the PUC hearing in Waverly SD on March 21 of this year, Apex stated that wind energy lowered energy prices. As proof of the contrary, on 4/20/18, Ottertail Power Company has asked for a 10.10% rate increase (see Docket EL18-021) citing 3 reasons, the third of which is the Merricourt Wind Project entering their service in 2019.

Foremost, the health and safety of our county residents is definitely at risk with the proposed project.

NON-participating land owners, who have NOT agreed to turbines on their property, nor are they being compensated or contacted in any regard, are having their properties trespassed by these turbines and their effects.

Trespass of these turbines include: flicker which causes illness, sound (torture due to sleep deprivation), and especially infrasound (which can travel over 1.5 miles and drive people from their homes at an even farther distance than that). These industrial turbines, placed in agricultural/residential areas are dangerous.

These trespasses are not just to homes, but to homeowners' entire properties and our homeowners must be protected by your commission. A participant should keep any effects of his wind turbine on his property. Our officials do not have the authority to mandate a non-participant's property rights away.

South Dakota's State Constitution, Article VI, Bill of Rights:

§ 1. Inherent rights. All men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights, among which are those of **enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring and protecting property and the pursuit of happiness**. To secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Our Constitution of The United States, Article [V] (Amendment 5 - Rights of Persons) provides:

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No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, **nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.**

www.tort.laws.com gives us a clear understanding of our private property law:

“Under private property law, a person will be held liable for creating a nuisance whether the wrongdoing was created intentionally or unintentionally. As long as the act substantially interferes with the use and enjoyment of land by the plaintiff, it is enforceable. If it is found that a nuisance was created due to the defendant's reckless behavior or lack of care, then it is said that the nuisance was caused negligently.

The right to the use and enjoyment of land is a broad category that generally includes four different types of harm: physical harm to the plaintiff's property, such as damage to the lawn or buildings on the property; physical harm to the person or persons who are occupying the property; **mental disturbance or annoyance of the persons occupying the property; and interference that causes economic loss or depreciation of the property.**”

I demand you protect my neighbors and me from the detrimental health and safety issues, and the inevitable loss of property value associated with these massive industrial turbines in our residential agricultural area. Through the powers of your commission, you can provide the protection our state and federal constitutions dictate.

Sincerely,



Amber Christenson

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Strandburg, SD 57265
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Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson
Gary Hanson, Vice Chairperson
Chris Nelson, Commissioner

South Dakota

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070
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1-800-332-1782

Email
puc@state.sd.us

May 2, 2018

Amber Christenson

[REDACTED]
Strandburg, SD 57265

Dear Ms. Christenson:

This is in response to your letter regarding the Dakota Range Project Permit Application that was filed with the commission on Jan. 24, 2018.

Your letter and my response will be posted in the commission's public, online docket under Comments and Responses. You can access the docket at www.puc.sd.gov by clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets, and scrolling down to EL18-003. I am also enclosing a copy of a commission document on the processing of siting applications such as this, that you may find helpful.

Thank you for your comments regarding the Dakota Range Wind Energy Facility Permit Request.

Sincerely,

Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson

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Gloria J. Orthaus

[Redacted Address]

Signature

Address

Goodwin, SD 57838

Gloria J. Orthaus

Printed Name

Phone

[Redacted Phone]

Date

4-24-18

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Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other

Chad Orthaus

[Redacted Address]

Signature

Address

Watertown SD

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Printed Name

Phone

[Redacted Phone]

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Rodney Painter
Signature

[Redacted Address] Watertown
Address

Rodney Painter
Printed Name

[Redacted Phone] 4-26-81
Phone Date

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Henny Ehlebracht
Signature

[Redacted Address] Watertown
Address

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Printed Name

[Redacted Phone] 4-26-18
Phone Date 002915

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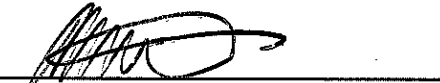
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Strandburg
S.D.

Signature
Geraldine Bala
Printed Name



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Date

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Signature
Garry Ehlebracht
Printed Name



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Alan Crocker
Signature

[Redacted] Goodwin SD
Address

Alan Crocker
Printed Name

[Redacted] 4/28
Phone Date

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Signature

[Redacted] Castlewood SD
Address

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Printed Name

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Phone

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Lasetta Kranz
Signature

[Redacted Address]
Address

LAURETTA-KRANZ Goodwin SD 4-27-18
Printed Name

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Phillip Tesch
Signature

[Redacted Address]
Address

Phillip Tesch
Printed Name

Goodwin SD 4/24/18
Date

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Strandburg SD
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