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Subject: EX PARTE COMMUNICATION RE WIND ENERGY

Mr. Hubner:

As communicated to you multiple times previously, commissioners are not to be contacted directly outside of a publicly noticed meeting concerning open docket matters. The news article linked in your email deals with wind energy and the commission has open wind siting permit request dockets. You have been informed that links are not acceptable for comments regarding dockets as the siting guidelines document on the PUC's website explains: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/sitinghandout.pdf>. Excerpts from this document are below, addressing your most recent email.

Comments should include the docket number or siting project name, commenter's full name, mailing address, e-mail address and phone number. These comments should be emailed to puc@state.sd.us or mailed or hand-delivered to PUC, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501... Electronic links will not be accepted.

Those who communicate in writing with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket matter should understand that their comments will become part of the official record and subject to review by all parties and the public. Likewise, comments made at a PUC public proceeding or submitted to the commission relative to a docket matter become part of the record, open to review by all parties and the public. Because commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket must take place in an open forum, such as a public meeting, with notice given to all parties.

Since you sent this email despite being aware of the proper communication with commissioners on open dockets, your message will be posted in the wind energy siting permit request dockets with the link disabled. Please refrain from sending emails like this and follow the proper process for communicating with commissioners as explained in the siting guidelines document.

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