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Sincerely,

Resident of: Codington Grant Deuel Other



Signature

 Goodwin, SD 57238

Address

Mary Greber

Printed Name

 05/01/2018

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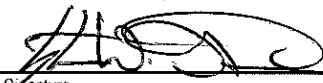
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Michael S. Thiewes
Signature

[Redacted]
Address Goodwin, S.D

Mike Thiewes
Printed Name

[Redacted] 4-30-18
Phone Date

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Carrie Thiewes
Signature

[Redacted] Goodwin, SD
Address 57238

Carrie Thiewes
Printed Name

[Redacted] 04/30/2018
Phone Date 007854

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Jesse Caumels
Signature

[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] Tea
Address

Jesse Caumels
Printed Name

[Redacted] 9/3/18
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Clifford Genter
Signature

[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] West SD
Address

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Printed Name

[Redacted] 4-30-18
Phone Date

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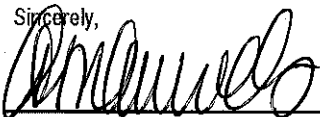
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Angie Caunels

Printed Name

Address: [Redacted] Tea
Phone: [Redacted]
Date: 6/3/18

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SOUTH DAKOTA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Commissioners,

Regarding EL 18-003 My husband and I have been residents and property-tax payors of Codington County for almost 50 years. We currently live along the south shoreline of Punished Woman's Lake, in the community of South Shore. We are asking that you please deny this application with the set-backs that are infringing on the rights of everyone around them.

Our City Council requested a 3-mile set-back from the city limits, the Punished Woman's Lake Association requested a 3-mile set-back from our lake and, as a board member of the South Shore Development Corporation, I feel that it would certainly be a lot less inviting to any future potential home buyers to come into an area that is flooded with these 550' turbines at anything less than the 3 mile distance.

We have two lakes here, with a road that lays between. The trees along that road house a huge eagles nest, and we frequently have eagles soaring along our shoreline. The north shoreline of the lake is owned by the State GF&P, who have always been very protective of the natural grasses and wildlife there. I can't believe that they are not requesting a further set-back. We watch deer come down to the lake to drink, we listen to coyotes at night, and in both spring and fall have hundreds of geese migrating. The home-owners and campground residents have a gorgeous sunset over the west end of the lake every night. We do not want to have these turbines in our view...we do not want to see, hear or feel them, and I do not think anyone that is honest with themselves would want to live in close distance to them either.

We have had our property appraised two times in the last five years, and would like to have a 'property value guarantee' in place, so that if we have a loss at the time of selling our property (if the turbines are allowed at only a mile away), there would be money to compensate for

that loss. The wind companies say that the property values do not go down in value, so they should not be opposed to a guarantee.

Just because a company has millions of dollars (our tax dollars at work) to send sales representatives door- to-door, pay for favoritism of media, communities and politicians...because they have enough money to hire hundreds of lawyers, to pay for full page ads and run spots on TV, getting the public to make them believe that they are the energy of the future...does not mean that they should have the right to steal people's property rights, to risk property values, or cause health concerns and safety issues. Those who are not concerned are those who live a far enough distance from the turbines, and do not think that they will be affected. Of course, those getting payment for the turbines are for them moving in, and I do not begrudge them the money. However, the set-backs should be far enough away, that others' rights are not taken away because of them being here.

Future concerns for consideration:

*When Federal funding ends, (without those government \$\$\$) what is the financial feasibility of having the turbines to produce energy?

*Who will be financially responsible for dis-assembling them if they become obsolete, and where would they be able to be disposed of?

*If health or injury issues arise, who will be financially responsible for those costs?

Please treat this decision as if the turbines were being placed within these short distances, surrounding your homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane K Redlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Diane K. Redlin

Jerry & Diane Redlin

South Shore, South Dakota 57263

PUC (Docket # EL 18-003)
500 E. Capital Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

From: Gregg Hubner

Sent: Sunday, 10 June 2018 22:52:35 (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

To: PUC

Subject: [EXT] comments

Please post the attached comments for EL18-003 the Dakota Range I and II docket

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Gregg C. Hubner

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In May the American Wind Energy Association hosted the Windpower 2018 conference in Chicago. Analysts at the conference called the period between 2021 and 2026 the “valley of death”, and though forecasts vary, many expect that new onshore wind capacity additions” will slow if not grind to a halt.” This is because of the phase out of the production tax credit to zero in 2020.

In August of 2017 another article in the Wind power publication, quoted: “The wind industry is showing little interest in a 40% PTC by 2018. Some industry players have opined that when the PTC drops to 40% of its current levels, tax equity transactions that serve to monetize the credit will become less attractive to developers and other financing structures, such as traditional project debt financing, may supplant tax-equity financing. “

So I would expect in December 2018 when Congress makes their annual budget deal, the production tax credit for wind energy will be extended again, and our 3 representatives in Washington D.C. can again count their money from the Big Wind Lobby.

I recently read an article written by Patrick Pope, President and CEO of Nebraska Public Power District. He reported that” on January 16 that electricity from the 8 wind farms in Nebraska were producing less than 1% of their needed power”. So it’s pretty simple to see wind will never replace anything because it’s intermittent and unreliable.

And then, from Hunter Roberts, energy policy advisor to Governor Daugaard: “We have an open-door policy meeting with developers, working with them to ensure our regulation is reasonable and responsible. I would not be surprised if over the next three years we see up to 2,000MW of new wind power here.”

According to the stats on proposed wind projects, it takes about 200 acres of land per megawatt, so those 2000 MW of wind turbines will encase about 400,000 acres of prime South Dakota real estate, WHERE PEOPLE LIVE. Of course, the politicians never talk about the people living in these areas, health problems, property devaluation and loss in quality of life. They just talk about megawatts. Why? Because this tax scheme is based on megawatts. The production tax credit, the taxes the “state” collects, the taxes delivered to the county and schools, are all based on megawatts. It’s a revolving door of taxpayer money. Wind turbines are nothing more than subsidy meters. Nobody that gets electricity from wind doesn’t already have it. Nobody that pays an electric bill has ever received a decrease in their rate because of wind. Actually, their rates go up.

And then to add insult to this insanity, one of the big issues in our gubernatorial race is our declining pheasant population and our loss of habitat. Would turning 400,000 acres of peaceful and quiet rural South Dakota into an industrial electrical generating plant help that situation? We are losing our wildlife and will be losing our tourism industry with the Governor's blessing.

Our tax hungry bureaucrats are turning our state into the worst of Iowa and Minnesota, wind turbines as far as the eye can see. Talk to any out of state hunter, he'll tell you, it's not about shooting the birds, it's about the peace and quiet, the tranquility of our state that brings them back. It's about our state's beauty. But our leaders are all about megawatts and taxes. Taxes, taxes, taxes.

Dakota Range I and II are just another in a series of potential wind farms to be built, and after the Crocker Wind Farm permit was granted last week, it's already written on the wall what is going to happen. It's hard for a South Dakota citizen and taxpayer to understand why people who are trying to protect their homes, their health and quality of life have to fund tens of thousands of dollars to hire lawyers to represent them at these hearings and are at a disadvantage from day one. The multinational corporations have all the power, money, lawyers and lobbyists. They just paid off Ducks Unlimited in North Dakota a half a million dollars. How can we fight them? How can this be fair? Germany has just decided to abandon their wind energy projects after spending 1.1 trillion dollars because it did not cut carbon emissions even close to their goal and has raised electricity prices dramatically. Why are we following in their footsteps? The whole wind energy movement is a taxpayer scam. Some people understand it and some don't. But when they pull the production tax credit and the AWEA calls it a "valley of death", that should tell you something. I would hope the Public Utilities Commission could see through this scam and protect the people of South Dakota and stop this nonsense. Because in a few years it will stop on its own, but only after many peoples quality of life has been destroyed.

Gregg Hubner

Avon, SD

From: Amber Christenson
Sent: Monday, 11 June 2018 12:10:39 (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: PUC
Subject: Re: [EXT] EL18-003

Re: EL 18-003

Commissioners and Staff,

APEX applied for a permit with Codington and Grant counties under their outdated ordinances. Aircraft lighting was not provided for at the time those ordinances were drafted. Now that aircraft lighting is available for use, I ask that you require those lights to be installed on any turbines that would possibly be approved by your commission. Our county residents should not be subjected to the constant blinking of red lights when that is not necessary. The burden of this energy that is not going to benefit our local community should not be placed on a few county residents, especially those who have had NO say in their being placed near their homes. Any turbines in the view of non-participating landowners ESPECIALLY should be required to be equipped with aircraft lighting only.

After listening to the hearing for Crocker Wind, I also request you require an outside liaison for Dakota Range, if this project is approved. Non participating landowners need a voice, and an unbiased person they can call upon when there are issues to be addressed with such an invasive project.

My other immediate concern is with the company of APEX itself. In 2014 and 2015, mechanic liens were filed against farmers, totaling 2.1 million dollars, because of non payment by the developer. That kind of careless, reckless, poor business practice can severely damage our farmers. Mechanic liens would make it impossible for farmers to obtain the operating loans they need. That project fell under the purview of Brenna Gunderson. (If this information is not allowed to be viewed by the public without documentation from the Clerk of Courts of Vermillion County, Illinois, please black it out and post the remainder of my concerns.)

Thank you.

Amber Christenson
Strandburg, SD