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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
ATTN: Amanda Reiss
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500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: PUC Docket EL19-027-Crowned Ridge Wind II

Dear Attorney Reiss:

The South Dakota Department of Health has been requested to comment on the potential health impacts associated with wind facilities. Consistent with our prior statement and based on the studies we have reviewed to date, the South Dakota Department of Health has not taken a formal position on the issue of wind turbines and human health. A number of state public health agencies have studied the issue, including the Massachusetts Department of Public Health¹ and the Minnesota Department of Health². These studies generally conclude that there is insufficient evidence to establish a significant risk to human health. Annoyance and quality of life are the most common complaints associated with wind turbines, and the studies indicate that those issues may be minimized by incorporating best practices into the planning guidelines.

Sincerely,

Kim Malsam-Rysdon

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Secretary of Health

1. <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/energy/wind/turbine-impact-study.pdf>
2. www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/hazardous/topics/windturbines.pdf



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