Chris and Penny Nelson
[redacted]
Pierre, SD 57501
[redacted]

RECEIVED
NOV 03 2026
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

November 2, 2026

RE: Comments on EL09-028 - In the Matter of the Application by PrairieWinds SD1, Inc., a subsidiary of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, for a Wind Energy Facility Permit for the PrairieWinds SD1 Wind Farm and Associated Facilities

Dear Commissioners Fiegen, Hanson, and Greenfield:

Basin Electric has petitioned the Commission to approve a material deviation pursuant to Condition 18 of the Permit related to a repower project. Unless something of unmitigatable concern is discovered during the pendency of this docket, I support the approval of the material deviation. Repowering will allow this wind farm to remain viable for the next 20 years.

My wife and I own property containing some of the turbines in the PrairieWinds project and are therefore affected by the repowering effort.

In addition to the existing permit conditions, I would request the Commission add one condition specific to this repower process. My goal is preventing fiberglass particles from the old turbine blades being left on my property.

As part of the repowering, the existing turbine blades will be removed from the turbine and hauled away. I have been verbally assured by Basin's property and right of way specialist Dusti Schirado that the blades will be hauled away whole and will NOT be broken down or cut into pieces on my property. The permit condition I request would make that a requirement. The turbine blades must be removed from the property whole without being broken or cut down in any way on the property.

This should be a common sense condition that allows Basin to do what they need to do to remove the old blades but protects landowners from fiberglass particle litter which would be near impossible to remove from the land.

Thank you for your work on this docket and your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

Not printed, prepared or mailed at taxpayer expense.