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The Honorable Governor Kristi Noem
State Capitol
500 E Capitol Ave
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Dear Governor Noem:

SDCL 49-1-9 prohibits a Public Utilities Commissioner from participating "in any hearing or proceeding in which he has any conflict of interest."

On June 1, 2021 Basin Electric filed an updated decommissioning plan for the PrairieWinds SD1 wind farm. Condition 40 of the PUC siting permit for that wind farm requires this filing "for the Commission's review and approval." This filing was made in docket EL09-028 (<https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2009/el09-028.aspx>).

My wife and I own property which is part of the PrairieWinds SD1 wind farm which creates a conflict of interest for any "hearing or proceeding" involving EL09-028. Therefore, I am notifying you that pursuant to SDCL 49-1-9 I will not be participating in the proceeding related to this filing and ask that you exercise your authority under this statute to appoint a replacement commissioner for any Commission proceeding related to this filing.

Notification of a replacement commissioner may be directed to Executive Director Patricia Van Gerpen in the Public Utilities Commission office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

Cc: Patricia Van Gerpen
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