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To: PUC

Subject: In support of the Prevailing Winds project (EL16-022)

Hello,

I'm unable to make it to the PUC public hearing in Avon on the Prevailing Winds project (Docket Number EL16-022). As an investor in Prevailing Winds, I want to voice my support of the Prevailing Winds project. Wind power is an important industry for South Dakota and it should be encouraged and supported. It has a proven track record in the other wind projects in the South Dakota, including one already near Avon. The land owners in the Avon area should be allowed to benefit from many benefits the Prevailing Winds project.

My parents live along Buffalo Ridge in south western Minnesota which already has a lot of wind generating capacity. They are eagerly awaiting an expansion of the number of wind towers that will include the land that they live on and farm. The wind towers do not detract from the scenery which is a primary argument of many who oppose wind farms. The wind projects do a good job of avoiding placing the wind towers close to homes. The additional income to the farmers and the increased tax revenues are a good boost to the local economy.

So, please, support the Prevailing Winds project and let it move forward.

Respectfully,

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