

Good Evening Commissioners

I am Marsha Hubner from Avon SD

I would like to take a look at what wind turbines will do to property values, quality of life and basic property rights in a very simple way:

This map * shows a section of land that presently has 5 wind turbines. Now if you or I owned this land and went out there this fall and put in a nice driveway, rural water and started a shelterbelt with the intentions of selling 10 acres or so for a building site, what do you think the chances of selling it would be for somebody to build a home within a quarter mile or less from 5 wind turbines? I would say slim to none, actually I would say probably nobody would ever build a house there because given the choice they will build where there are no wind turbines.

This second map * shows where we live. We built this house 5 years ago, but before we started we were assured by the neighbor that was on the Board of Directors for the local wind company that no towers would be coming our way. That was until at 2 o'clock in the morning on January 1, 2013 when the production tax credit was revived in Washington DC. They immediately built 43 towers 10 miles north of our house. In May of 2015 we were approached to sell our easements for another big wind industrial complex, and this map shows where the developer said there will be wind turbines, all around us. As of today besides the 43 towers about 10 miles north and this new project would add another 100 towers all around our home.

So you tell me then if a property with wind turbines all around it would be difficult if not impossible to sell for a building site, as on this property *, then tell me why Big Wind can come in and destroy the same property values, the same quality of life, the same property rights for existing for existing homes and people that were there first? Plus eliminating future building sites.

This is a huge problem because it is the antiquated suggested setbacks of 1000 ft from the PUC that have Big Wind and some local zoning boards quoting as settled science as to the safety and protection of individual's property rights. These turbines are 500 ft tall! There are no studies not paid for by Wind Energy as to

the safety aspects of living near them, NONE. Interestingly enough though just a couple of weeks ago we had a Zoning Board meeting where Wind Developers want to put up another MET tower. When asked why, the developer said it was two miles from an existing tower to measure the WAKE from that tower. Wake? That's new! Hear they have us believing there is absolutely nothing happening from them so insist on 1000 ft setbacks!

Please protect the property values, rights and safety of the South Dakota people you represent. Thank You.