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Good Evening, my name is Bryan Roth and I am the General Manager/CEO of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative (ITC), headquartered in Clear Lake, SD.

I am not here tonight to either promote or oppose the Crocker Wind Farm project, my concern is for the members of ITC currently served by our copper facilities that may be affected by the inductive interference generated by some wind turbines when energized.

Unfortunately, ITC experienced this type of interference in the late 1990's in the Lake Benton, MN exchange. I understand that technology has changed and that not all wind turbines are the same. However, ITC spent years and over \$1 Million proving the source of the inductive interference, which caused a "HUM" on a telephone call so loud a conversation could not be heard. ITC and our members would rather not participate in this service disruption again.

In a perfect world for this manager, our entire plant would be fiber optic, an infrastructure that would not be affected by the possible inductive interference produced by the wind turbines, but this is not the case. ITC has future plans to replace our copper lines with Fiber, but the existing facilities are not fiber today.

ITC has successfully negotiated an agreement with another wind developer recently and we would welcome the same with the Crocker Wind Farm developers. Although we have had acknowledgement from Crocker Wind Farm representatives to enter into such an agreement, and as ongoing discussions continue, we have been unsuccessful in executing a mutual agreement.

I stand here tonight on behalf of my ITC members, and also your constituents, that asked ITC to attend the meeting this evening and address the possible adverse effects inductive interference can cause on our telecommunication service.

Thank you for your time and attention.