

Good Evening, I am Marsha Hubner from Avon SD, I live 10 miles from the Beethoven Wind project.

Thank you Commissioners for the opportunity to speak.

Wind Energy developers come into a community pretending to be a **savior** and **friend**, promising economic development, lower electricity rates and a boon to the whole area. So why is there rising opposition and even lawsuits pending? If they really were the kind of industry they portray, wouldn't they act in an open, transparent and honest manner?

Wouldn't their first action, **before** talking to any land owner, be to hold public meetings where the community is invited to hear the benefits and answer questions?

Wouldn't they have **independent** studies that show the health risks of the audible and infrasound that turbines make?

Wouldn't they also have independent studies of the **loss of wildlife**?

Wouldn't they **then** talk to land owners and encourage them **to visit with their** neighbors and **take** the lease to their lawyer and even after signing have a **grace** period to change their mind?

Wouldn't the dollar figures they float in front of people's faces be based on reality and not some '**possible**' amount over 25 -55 **years**?

You would think so, but that is **not** how they work. **Instead:**

They **covertly** go to landowners to sign them up, often years before it is made public that an industrial wind park is planned. And they tell them **not** to talk to their neighbors about it.

They meet with school boards and county officials and promise them an **inflated** amount of money.

They **pressure** the zoning board trying to convince them to put setbacks in place that pit neighbor against neighbor and are not even a safe distance from a home according to the **turbine manufacture's standards**.

They show land owners a map that indicates **all of their neighbors are signed up**, only to find out too late that they **are not**, they lie.

They **threaten** to take their land by eminent domain

They put a **gag order** in the lease so people who **have** signed up cannot tell of their grievances

They bring in studies **they** conducted and **paid for** concerning the health hazards of living near wind turbines, **defying testimonies** and lawsuits won **against** wind companies from the very people who have lived **near them** and suffered **from them**.

They are **self-reporting**, ridiculous as that sounds, when it comes **to wild life loss**. This part of South Dakota is in two major migrating bird routes, the Central Flyway and the Mississippi Flyway, there is **gross loss** of wildlife from wind turbines.

They **deny** the loss of property values when any thinking person knows when given a choice people **will choose not** to live under or amongst industrial wind turbines.

They promise **lower** electricity rates, but in reality rates **always** rise.

And as we are seeing this year, they are going to **our** capitol to introduce legislation in an effort fundamentally, **to silence any and all opposition**

An Industrial wind project does indeed affect the health, safety and welfare of a community, it changes its complexion **forever**. How can any company that uses the tactics of **distortion** and **dishonesty** to gain entry and control of a community, be a **good** thing?

I urge you **to deny** the application of the Crocker Wind Farm.

Thank you