

Dear Madam Chairperson and South Dakota Public Utility Commissioners;

RE: EL17-055 CROCKER WIND FARM APPLICATION

I am writing you as a community member to share my support of the Crocker Wind Farm, a Geronimo Energy Wind Farm development located in Clark County, South Dakota.

- I support Crocker Wind Farm because it will provide **economic benefits to the local economy**, tax base, schools, local residents and county and towns.
- I support Crocker Wind Farm because it will provide numerous **benefits for the local and broader environment**, including water consumption savings and carbon dioxide emissions reductions.
- I support Crocker Wind Farm because its developer, **Geronimo Energy, is a responsible and thorough developer.**

My other comment:

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*Grant Van Gilder*

Signature

Grant Van Gilder

Printed Name

January 31, 2018

Date



Crocker, SD 57217



Address



Phone Number

## "Power to the People"

~~really smart people out there, that, want to help the~~  
next generations, with power. Scientists, Engineers,  
architects, etc. The power created by wind towers  
will greatly help with growing population.

The land owned, by families, dating back to as far as  
WWI, strived and struggled, ~~since that time~~.  
New technology in farming, in earlier years, such as the  
plow, tractor, helped so ~~help~~ could feed the growing  
population. Disturbing the virgin prairie had to be  
done. ~~Hard~~ <sup>ambitious</sup> work ~~throughout~~ the days. Light, came with  
many of the family farms around. As years went on  
scientists worked hard with engineers to get <sup>power</sup> ~~this~~, ~~now~~ known as  
electricity to rural America. Electricity changed  
everything on the farm. Farmers and small towns  
~~made~~ <sup>had</sup> a life much more civilized. Hot running water  
was awesome! Society became appreciative and worked  
together and many became successful, in forms of  
the new jobs created. Businesses grew to help supply  
the people, ~~with their daily life~~ Mail service and the  
telephone service was awesome! Families from long  
distances apart could know what the weather was like,  
or how "little Johnny" or "Susie" <sup>was</sup> doing with their arithmetic.  
~~The~~ land is where we get all ~~the~~ <sup>power</sup>. A way to  
utilize the wind to create power seems like a  
very intelligent means of use of land. Respect  
of the land, ~~with~~ <sup>and</sup> also the respect to the families  
land values. Communication between the landowners  
and Geronimo Energy throughout the Crocker Wind Farm  
project is reasonable request. Society may be divided  
on this project. If Geronimo ~~the~~ Energy <sup>has</sup> meets ~~with~~  
the landowners in Clark County, that are involved  
in the Crocker Wind Farm project and if they have

followed all laws. ~~I~~ I believe the Crocker Wind Farm project should start.

The right to do with your land, ~~most what you~~ is your choice. If you meet all requirements by law as a reasonable neighbor, ~~you~~ you should have control of how you can profit from your land. ~~that~~

The contracts between the landowners and Geronimo Energy is their own risk or reward.

At the decommission stage of the Crocker Wind Farm project, ~~the~~ contracts between Geronimo Energy and (their future sale of these towers), is a reasonable request of the landowner. The landowner should have ~~the~~ the right to ~~refuse~~ these contracts. Thank you for time. Grant Van Gilde

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