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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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: *Balancing private property rights against the rights of those who don't own the property but may be affected in some way by activities on the property is a difficult job. However, wind farms can be done properly and responsibly and we believe the rights of landowners to site wind towers needs to be respected.*

Signature

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