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Clark, SD 57225

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Dear Madam Chairperson and Members of the PUC,

My name is Ted Obermeier, I was born in Webster, SD and raised in the Crocker Hills and have been here all my life. My wife [REDACTED] and I have four children. In 2008, we started negotiations and we personally negotiated the lease contract with Geronimo Energy. Meeting after meeting it took days, weeks and years to work everything out. Geronimo Energy has shown respect to our family, our land and our property. I trust they are treating us very well in our dealings.

On our property taxes there is a number on each land unit with the amount we pay for the opt outs, these numbers add up to be a staggering amount. With tax dollars from the wind farm going to the state, county, townships and schools we may not have to have all the opt outs.

The wind farm will bring a steady income to the landowners and with farming and ranching being so volatile, this income will increase the dollars spent in our local towns and dealerships. This state and county needs the economic help, the Crocker Wind Farm will help tremendously!

In conclusion, I ask for your approval of the Crocker Wind Farm Permit.

Respectfully,

Ted Obermeier