

Crocker Wind Farm – Public Input Hearing
South Dakota Public Utility Commission
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Thank you commissioners for hearing us tonight.

My name is Jean Obermeier and I am here to speak in favor of the Crocker Wind Farm. I own ^{land} and live full time within the project footprint.

Clark County has been given the rare opportunity for a significant economic impact through this project. It will provide jobs, improve local income, and increase tax revenue. As with any project, there are pros and cons. Many of these are based on opinions instead of facts, as any internet search will show. We have to remember when we are dealing with issues like these, we need to remain professional and stick to the facts. Wind energy has changed since the 1990s. We supporters have faith in Geronimo, a successful company.

The Crocker community is a prime area for a wind project. Geronimo has made many changes to answer concerns of those who have chosen to not participate. Changes in distance, changes in tower location, changes in size of project. Because of all the

changes that were requested, there are many land owners who have been denied the right to do what they wanted to with their land. Many sacrifices have been made.

As I understand, all the requirements for approval have been met on the most recent application. You have multiple factual studies and reports which you have or will evaluate. It is time for this project to proceed forward. We as neighbors need to be courteous and think of the needs of others, as well as ourselves. We must remember that our rights as individuals need to balance with the rights of others. I as a land owner and resident should have the right to determine what I can legally do with my land, without someone telling me I can't.

I ask the Public Utilities Commission to grant the permit application to begin construction for the Crocker Wind Farm.

Thank you for your consideration.