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I thought Teresa and Kristi did a good job in representing themselves as intervenes during the hearing. I also felt the PUC went the extra mile to accommodate them. Everybody doesn't have \$50 or \$60,000 to hire an attorney just to protect their homes and quality of life.

As each hearing goes on, it should be evident to the PUC that something big is going on. From what I have seen, the developers all seem to know each other no matter which project it is, the attorneys for the developers are all the same, the developers expert witnesses are nearly all the same. One wonders who is really behind the curtain?

There is a huge cover-up going on here and I hope the PUC doesn't wake up too late. I talked to a gentlemen (out of state) the other night for an hour. He told me how Next Era built a wind turbine on his absentee neighbor's land 900 ft. from his house. Although it was suppose to be 1000 ft. Next Era's reply was "what's a hundred feet?"

This gentleman had to end up moving after a year of sleepless nights on doctor's orders.

The developers have "confidentiality" clauses in their leases to keep people from complaining about not sleeping, headaches, vertigo, etc. And then if there are non participants that start complaining, they come around with a "neighbor agreement" with a monetary settlement to those people that have problems. They pay them to shut up.

If I was in your shoes, I would give the benefit of the doubt to these people with problems. Are you going to actually permit thousands and thousands of these wind turbines across South Dakota and when they finally realize that all of these stories were true (like they just did in Ontario with the recent election) are you going to be able to sleep at night knowing that you let this happen on your watch? Were you responsible for the damage it did for these peoples health?

It might seem easy to permit these projects, and just go on to the next. You will forget about Teresa and Kristi's testimony that last afternoon, but these stories that put a human face on this scam aren't going to get fewer, they are going to become greater. They can hire all the lawyers and paid wittiness as they want, but the truth isn't going away. There needs to be a minimum of a 2 mile setback in the state of South Dakota to make it safe for people to live in these projects. It's that simple.

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