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To: SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

From: Timothy Gapp
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Summit, SD 57266

RE: Letter of Support for Dakota Range Wind

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Timothy Gapp and I am a resident of Summit, SD and a land owner in Grant County . Many of us in this area have been supporting wind development for over 10 years and have been working with developers to consider this area for a wind project. We have a great wind resource here in the Eastern Coteau Hills and now have the opportunity to finally harness that resource into renewable energy.

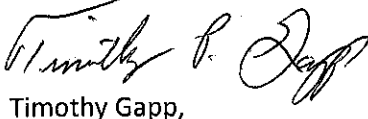
Besides the benefits of providing renewable energy with no emissions, there are several other benefits for this primarily agricultural area. One would be providing an additional annual income source for land owners in a struggling agricultural environment. The payments to land owners are based on a "community based" model which provides income to all land owners signed up within the footprint. Second would be providing additional tax revenue for the local governments, and third is providing construction jobs and some permanent jobs for the operation and maintenance of the wind farm. All of these are critical to the survival of our small towns and our rural way of life in South Dakota which continues to be disappearing.

I have personally worked with the representatives APEX Clean Energy who is the parent company of the Dakota Range Wind Projects. They have a remote office located in located in Summit and have been very active in the community by hosting several informational meetings as well as visiting with local land owners and residents about the proposed projects. They have also been active in and around the community sponsoring many community events and donating for community projects such as the Summit day care facility, the Summit gym project and the volunteer fire department. I feel they have demonstrated that they will be a good neighbor to the community now and into the future.

I feel that wind development and working with Dakota Range Wind will be very good for this area. They have been welcomed and accepted by the vast majority of the local residents. I strongly support this project and recommend PUC approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Timothy Gapp,

Summit resident/ VP Summit Area Economic Growth, Inc./ Pres. Peoples State Bank/ Land owner



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