
From: Melissa Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 03 April 2018 22:48:37 (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: PUC
Subject: Re: [EXT] EL18-003

Hello-

My mailing address is: [REDACTED], Watertown, SD 57201

To Whom it May Concern:

I attended the beginning of the Public Utilities Commission meeting to hear public input at the Waverly School Gymnasium regarding the Dakota Range Wind Energy Farm. I was the lady with the baby that was “talking” during the wind company’s presentation. I quickly realized my twin daughters would not be patient for long and I left while the first person from the public was speaking. To further introduce myself, my husband and I purchased a small farm one half mile South of the furthest South plotted wind turbine designated area in Codington County (in the Dakota Range Wind Farm). If this company is allowed to proceed with construction, this would place a 500 foot structure one half mile North of my daughters’ bedroom.

We purchased this property a few months before our wedding, and have planned for this property to be our forever home. My parents live a few miles away, where I grew up, and my great-great grandparents homesteaded. Now, only two years after that purchase, there is a threat that a wind farm will be constructed one half mile away from our house. Since that threat surfaced, I have done a lot of research on the topic. I have concluded for myself the following:

- There may be health concerns associated with living in a wind farm. I know it can be argued that there isn’t enough scientific evidence, however the evidence there is, is enough for me to conclude this is a concern.
- There may be flicker projected onto our farm and house. I will not ever find any flicker from a neighbor’s business on my property acceptable.
- The noise that is generated by the wind turbines, combined with the allowed limits our County Commissioners have found acceptable, will never be acceptable to me.
- Wind farms will ruin the natural beauty of my farm and the surrounding area.
- I will not live in or near a wind farm, even if that means leaving what we once called our forever home.

While I have a list of concerns above, the most concerning to me is that the contracts that are being signed with the wind energy companies are for 50 year easements. This means that my infant daughters will never know their mother’s homeland to be wind turbine free, or until they are 51 years old

anyhow. I thought of this fact as I listened to the first person speak that night at the Waverly Gymnasium. It was a 96 year old man who apparently will be receiving income from the wind farm should it be built. While [REDACTED] opinion should be heard, I would argue it is not as valuable my infant daughters' opinions. [REDACTED] will likely never see the wind farm built, therefore he will likely never hear their constant noise, he will likely never see the shadow of flicker in his bedroom window, he will never have the fear of the impact it may be having on his infant children, and [REDACTED] was able to witness the beauty of the county in its natural state his entire life. Meanwhile my daughters, and other small children that can't talk for themselves yet, will be left with a quite different life, should the wind farm be approved.

I am not in favor of a wind farm in Codington County and I ask you to consider most importantly what the future generation would want for themselves and their families as you make your decision.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lynch and Daughters Indra and Petra Lynch

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