

Hello, my name is Dylan Lau. Well to start off, wind energy is a cleaner energy. It's much better than nuclear plants and, because coal plants destroy our ozone layer. We got this wind thing going on and I don't see how people who are far from the project be complaining about it. Have you ever seen a Wind Farm? It's quite a sight to behold. I think of it as one of man's great accomplishments.

If you saw a bunch of oil rigs around, you'd think "hey that's good for my car." If you saw a bunch of wind towers around. You'd might think "what are those doing around here?" When you should be thinking "Hey, those are supplying my everyday electricity use." These people from other areas think what are these wind towers doing here? They're noisy and they take up a bunch of space. People say they look ugly, but if you look in a more optimistic way, you'll see a field of flowers, very large powerful flowers!

Another point of yours, is the shadow flicker. Well, to me, complaining about the shadows of something is like seeing your own shadow and thinking "Aaah! What's that? My shadow?! No. Not happening, I'm calling the police. We're taking out the sun because I don't tolerate shadows!

Here's an example of how useful these towers are to farmers:

Let's say you have a set number of acres that you make a certain amount of money per acre. Add a Wind Turbine to that and you get thousands of dollars more in income added to that land and all the land you lost was half an acre, which doesn't make too much profit per year by itself anyways. What else can you plant once and harvest for 30 years with no input other than a half-acre of land.

Another thing is that Apex is good for the community. It brings people together. The employees there talk to people about the project and are easily approachable. Tomorrow if you wanted, you could go to the summit location and talk with them and learn everything you need to know easily and for free. Also, they're putting money in pockets of the local farmers and our community. In fact, they will be bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars into my school here in Summit.

With you naysayers

I can't control the people and I can't control people's opinions, but I can waver them.

If you are against this project. Take a moment and think about it. Think about Wind towers in South Dakota. Now, stop for a second, how much has life really changed for you? Maybe your taxes have lowered, and your air is cleaner. And your electricity has lowered because of the wind turbines that you were so against.

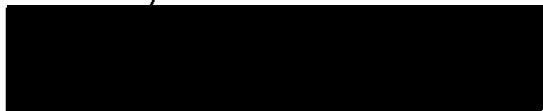
It's also good for the community that sell things. Hopefully, they are profiting from the influx of income from this wind farm because people can spend more money on their products which creates taxes.

To finish off, I'm going to end with another example of how useful this extra income is to the farmers:

Let's say you're a farmer before the wind project, and you just bought new tires for your pickup truck, she's a Bute, isn't she? Let's say you drove on those tires for a couple years now. Well, your tires are pretty worn out and you say to yourself "I should get some new tires for ol' veronica my truck cause these ones are starting to wear out quite a bit. (probably from all that drag racing and drifting I've been doing with her)" After you look into it a little bit, you decide you can't get tires this year because you got to keep food on the table. "oh well," you say "Hopefully these can last another year" so you wait another year and get your tires. Well, let's fast-forward into the future when you have a few wind turbines on your land bringing in thousands of dollars extra income, once again, you need some new tires, and because of all this extra money, you can afford it. But maybe you'll get one of those fancy new trucks, ol' veronica is getting pretty worn... Oh yes! I'm going to use this extra cash and I'm going to get me a Chevy!

I would like to request that the commission approve the permit for Dakota Range Wind.

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