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Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 8:51 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Prevailing winds docket EL 18-026

Dear PUC staff and commission,

Please DENY a permit for the Prevailing Winds Park permit due that I believe it will cause harm to the environment, relations between neighbors, families, and community as is already evident, and will cause serious health effects to an unknown number of individuals. As you know, the PUC is a very important step for the proposed project to be constructed. After reading the laws and rules of how you base your decision, there is NO WAY Prevailing Winds/S Power can meet or guarantee all those laws and rules can be met.

Many studies are being conducted and up to 30%, maybe more but may not know due to gag clauses, of people are effected by negative health effects from a wind turbine. If a participating landowner wants to waive their rights that's up to them but the non participating residents need more protection. The setbacks of bon homme county give no protection to those people as the wind companies had there way and no compromise was even considered, even with overwhelming opposition. If crocker wind farm can build with a 3/4 mile set back why can't this project? I believe we asked for a mile setback and received a thousand feet, we might as well not even have laws on the books! Since the Beethoven Wind Park became operational we know of one individual who has negatively been effected with his health, he was a big proponent before it was built. As I can't speak for his experience I expect him to give his testimony to you.

The environment will also negatively be effected by this project. Anytime you dump loads, loads, loads of concrete in the ground, mining the ground to make the towers, fuel, equipment, it just goes on and on to effect the environment.

I travel all over this state on a daily basis for my job. I have driven by nearly all wind facilities and in my observations it is clear to me wind energy is extremely unreliable. I have observed entire facilities not operating due to no wind. I also observe on days when wind is available turbines are not operating. Isn't the purpose to be operating when the wind blows? What good is a million dollar piece of steel? It's all about money!

In closing I ask the PUC staff and commission to DENY this permit. Prevailing winds has been dishonest, crooked, and created high pressure situations for many individuals in this community and I believe many will come forward with their stories during this process.

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