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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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PUC Commissioners, Kristi, Gary, Chris,

My husband and I have been residents of B.H. Co. all of our life. We have attended many wind farm meetings regarding Prevailing Winds and have found it to be very positive and not negative like a few want us to believe.

1. Would bring in money to B.H. Co. and the state. This is very important.

2. All we hear is it will break up the Avon community. Hard to believe as the Avon district elected a Prevailing Wind board member as their Co. commissioner, when his opponent that was running against him was definitely against wind farms. That tells me there are more people for wind towers than against them.

3. We live 4 miles from an alcohol plant and hear and smell it. But we have adjusted and accepted the fact it is here. And it to has a great economic affect in our community and for farmers. Farmers from the Avon area are also delivering corn there - so must be an economic benefit to them also.

4. This last year East River Electric put in a high voltage line 100 ft. from our house. We could have objected to that also. But it's now built and we have accepted it. With this line we didn't have a choice - it was going to be built here, and goes for many miles. Did you hear of all kinds of objection?? No! I'm sure we could find all kinds of harmful things from this high voltage. There will always be advancements and changes going forward. I feel it is time for SD to move forward like the rest of the states. We could sit here and let the rest of the country move forward, but where would our state be ... Last in everything!! We can't pass this up.

5. We should probably get rid of cell towers also. But as I've attended these hearings I've seen a lot of cell phones. So probably everyone wants to keep them. We hear a lot about them causing cancer. Seems that doesn't bother anyone.

I appreciate all the work that has been done and all the studies that were taken for this project. I ask you to approve the Prevailing Wind Park Project!

Kristie, Gary and Chris thank you for serving the "Great State of S.D!"

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