

July 10, 2018

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Re: EL18-026 - In the Matter of the Application by Prevailing Wind Park, LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility in Bon Homme County, Charles Mix County and Hutchinson County, South Dakota, for the Prevailing Wind Park Project

Dear Commissioners,

I own agricultural land in Charles Mix County. This land includes an acreage that contains a house and a tenant living in the house, along with farming and livestock facilities.

As a taxpayer in the county, and one who loves the pristine prairie landscape and wildlife of South Dakota, I am vehemently opposed to the Prevailing Wind Park project that is currently being considered for Charles Mix County.

The application filed before the PUC for this project includes attachments that are non-conclusive and non-persuasive. The LLC can afford to hire consultants to create studies that support the project, without really saying anything. Is there expert critique of these studies? I don't see that there is. How can the landowners afford to pay for it?

Industrial wind farms are not about energy or a "green" environment. Wind farm LLC's are vehicles for investors to capitalize on government subsidies to make money. The lack of real energy benefits from wind is well known. Industrial wind farms are the result of tax incentives driven by global warming advocates, and investors who take advantage of the incentives. Few, if any, of these investors live where the turbines are located.

The detrimental effects of industrial wind farms are also well known, including health risks to the proximate population, damage to local wildlife, and reduction of real estate values. Moreover, large turbines are a blight on the landscape. I know the latter personally, because I also own agricultural land in Buena Vista County, Iowa. The large wind farm located there is nothing less than visual pollution in an area that previously was gorgeous Iowa farmland.

This letter is not intended to document these issues for the Commission. I am sure that the PUC is aware of the health, environmental and aesthetic downsides of wind turbines. And I am sure that the PUC is well aware of the information in regard thereto available online and elsewhere.

Rather, this letter is to state my opinion that wind farm turbines compromise the peace and wellbeing of the folks living nearby, and destroy the landscape that South Dakota is known for. And this destruction is for no purpose. These turbines only enrich investors and others who benefit financially.

I suggest the focus of your deliberations should be on South Dakota and the welfare of the landowners in the three counties that comprise the footprint of this project. Please focus on the application and

review it critically, based on all the contrary information that is available, knowing that specific scientific critique to oppose the Prevailing Wind Park project is not available.

The Prevailing Wind Park project is not good for these three counties and industrial wind parks are not good for South Dakota. In light of the adverse effects on the population and real estate values, and lack of any real value to the environment or society in general, I urge the PUC to deny the permit to build this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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