South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Commissioners Fiegen, Nelson and Hanson:

We are writing this letter in support of wind farms in general and specifically, in support of the application submitted by Prevailing Wind Park, LLC.

We are both life-long residents of Bon Homme County, having graduated from Avon High School and the University of South Dakota at Springfield. We support wind farms for the following reasons:

- 1. We believe it's time to take advantage of "green energy" so that our country is not dependent upon foreign nations for our fuel needs. We need to be more progressive in planning for future generations, and wind and solar are our future.
- 2. We believe the proposed wind farm will provide excellent job opportunities for our local communities. Young people want to stay in our rural communities, but they need good-paying jobs to support themselves and their families and many small communities do not have an abundance of these types of jobs. We have personally spoken with young men who are employed by wind farms, and they enjoy their jobs and the opportunities their jobs provide. When asked specifically if they had experienced any work-related illnesses or side effects from working inside turbines every day, no one had experienced illnesses of any kind, and they have worked at their jobs for the past 8 to 10 years.
- 3. We also believe the funds our local schools receive will be a huge benefit for our communities and the children attending these schools. Our small schools provide excellent educational opportunities and any financial help they can get is always appreciated and put to good use.
- 4. We own a home and have lived in Avon for the past 44 years. We do not own land and have nothing to gain personally from the proposed wind farm, however we do believe it is a great opportunity for the many landowners who have provided easements and want to be part of the project.

For these reasons, we urge you to approve the Prevailing Wind Farm, LLC application.

Dave and Carol Eggers

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