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Public comments for the PUC docket EL18-026

To the SD PUC:

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My wife Julie and I live 2 miles from several turbines of the Beethoven Wind Farm.

I am writing this letter to express my concern for our own health and the well being of our community and ultimately our state concerning the wind Energy industry.

My wife Julie and I listened to the majority of the testimony that was brought before the PUC in Pierre and to say the least, it was a joke and it seemed that S-Power and Prevailing winds were not held to higher standards. It also seemed that the council for the wind power people were successful in striking from the record some good and revealing testimony that was brought by very credible witnesses. Also, prevailing winds lied when they said under oath that they visited ALL residents living in the proposed foot print. No one from PW ever visited Julie and I for our input and/or opinions. There were many issues that were not addressed.

Prevailing Winds did not prove anything that would support their case for the turbines. They did not prove that the 600 ft towers would not interfere with the health and well being of the people that would be forced to live in the shadows of these behemoths. They did not prove that the value of the surrounding farmland would not be negatively impacted. They did not prove that the turbines would not seriously injure the environmental, social and economic condition of the inhabitants or prospective inhabitants. They did not prove that these turbine towers wouldn't seriously physically injure people that might come into contact with falling blades or even ice throw. They did not prove that the project will not interfere with the orderly development of the region. More emphasis was given to eagles and whooping cranes than people. Wouldn't it be better to ere on the side of safety and caution NOW than have to deal with health issues and environmental disasters later?

The evidence became very real to us when 4 witnesses drove to Pierre to testify on their health related issues caused by wind turbines, I don't think that they drove all that way to just make up a story and lie. There has been many studies and real documented scientific proof that the turbines do cause serious health problems due to infrasound's ultra-low frequency in both humans and animals. My wife and I too are experiencing health issues that we didn't have before the Beethoven turbines. We have spent thousands for testing to find out what is causing Julies health conditions that she didn't have before Beethoven. This is frustrating for us. I can only imagine what it will be like to live a mile from 600 foot towers.

Wind energy was introduced under false pretense as a green, renewable energy because the production of the turbines and towers themselves cause more C02 to make than they will ever displace or take out of the atmosphere. The power is terribly expensive at a time when we don't actually need it. We are sitting on an ocean of natural gas and clean coal that is ultimately more reliable than wind that sometimes does't blow.

I would hope that the PUC would wise up to the fact that the wind energy isn't about harvesting the wind but harvesting the subsidy money from us taxpayers. I also hope that the PUC

understands that peoples lives, health and well being is more important than money. Have you asked yourselves the question, WHY DO THE DEVELOPERS HAVE CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSES IN THEIR CONTRACTS TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM COMPLAINING OR EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT??

I have a neighbor who has been my best friend for life until now. This is real. Even if the wind farm doesn't go through, I will forever feel indifferent towards my neighbor because he is to receive a wind tower on his land roughly a mile and a half from our home. The damage has been done between him and me and our friendship will not likely ever be like it once was. That makes me sad.

Please, as you consider this project, PLEASE, PLEASE, think about us out here at ground zero.

Respectfully submitted:

James and Julie Kaufman