

To: South Dakota PUC

From Wanda Oorlog

Please post to Docket EL18-026

As a landowner in the footprint of the proposed Prevailing Winds project, I am very concerned that this project will be rubber stamped by the PUC in spite of the opposition from the many residents and landowners.

The PUC should be protecting the people in this area. Massive towers have no place in areas where people live, especially when all of the residents are not in favor. Why should this project be forced on the residents and landowners who are within the footprint but are not in favor. The health of the people in this area is at stake. Every day new studies show that living near and under turbines create health problems for many people. The participating residents can't talk about health problems due to the confidentiality clause in their contract. I feel that the benefits of wind turbines are overstated and the risks of living near turbines is understated.

During the evidentiary hearing last month, testimonies were given regarding many health issues from residents living near the Beethoven project. Protection is provided for the eagles and whooping cranes, but not for the people. These taller turbines have not been proven beyond a reasonable doubt to be safe and without negative effects on the health of the residents.

I have read the comments on the PUC website that are in favor of this project, and I am amazed that most of the favorable comments are from investors and even employees of Prevailing Winds. These comments should not be taken into consideration because of conflict of interest.

Approving this project will negatively impact the area. Land values will decline, the health and safety of the residents will be in jeopardy, as well as the lives of the many forms of wildlife that inhabit the area. We should be good stewards of this great land in the state of South Dakota. Approving this project **ABSOLUTELY SHOULD NOT HAPPEN**. There are too many negatives, concerns, and possible dangers to the people's health. If building this project would harm just one resident's health, it would be a travesty.

Please do the right thing for the people and deny the approval of this project.

Thank you

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