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Please post my comments.

Dear PUC commissioners and staff,

Please deny the Prevailing Wind Park permit. I have listened to all the Crocker, Dakota Range, and now Prevailing Wind Park hearings. This hearing was nothing like the others. The opponents did an outstanding job of bringing in expert witnesses and providing countless information that you have never even heard or considered of how harmful wind turbines actually are! Prevailing winds did nothing to prove wind turbines don't negatively effect the environment.

I live 6 miles south of Avon. Vicki May, one of the witnesses gave a personal testimony that I am sure you won't forget. The wind farm she talks about I can see from my home clear as day and it has to be 50, 60 or more miles away. I can see the blades turning on most days! I see what seems to be hundreds of lights at night. I can only imagine what it's like a few miles away.

I rent farm ground from 4 people in the project area. 3 of them signed leases. 2 of them were told would get towers. Well those 2 did not and other one appears to have an access road going across their property. So why lie to get them to sign? Because they wanted the neighbors. See 2 of them have WAPA lines splitting the ground. Way to close to have a tower, but somehow Prevailing Winds says WAPA dont care how close they are.

One fear I have is 2 towers are directly across from where I farm to the south. That neighbor uses dicamba. We all know how that has gone so far. I had drift last year on my beans. How does a turbine not create some type of effect on drift that will come to my property? Who will compensate me for my loss? Sounds like a big fight for lawyers.

Please error on the side of caution. The opponents have proven turbines are harmful to peoples health. Peoples health, safety, and livelihoods are at stake here and it's up to the PUC to do the right thing. So please reject this permit and protect the people of South Dakota.

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