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To the attention of Commissioner's Kristie Fiegen, Gary Hanson, and Chris Nelson

Dear Commissioners;

I am a land owner in Bon Homme County at the address noted above. We are likely to be recipients of two of these wind towers in the 219kW wind farm proposed by S Power Company.

While I reside in Nebraska, my son lives at the farm today and my wife and I plan to retire and build a house as well on this farm in the next 2-3 years. I grew up on this farm through all the years until I went to college. We have always had several towers on our farm that deliver power from the Fort Randall dam to the sub-station east of us.

The concern then was the danger of living in the proximity of these high voltage lines and many people made a lot of noise on how those of us living close would suffer brain cancer and other maladies. Our house is less than ¼ mile from these lines yet no one suffered such diseases and these towers have been there for more than 60 years.

There are those opponents of the wind farm who make a lot of noise now from the barely tangible to the intangible problems we can expect from wind farms to the point that all they do is make a lot of noise and not a lot of sense with abandonment of fact in favor of fear mongering.

Wind farms have been in existence for many decades at various parts of our country and with few exceptions, have proven their value to our current and future needs. The facts are that wind energy does not require water (as does gas, coal, or nuclear) and their carbon footprint is negligible over time, again quite contrary to other forms of energy generation.

It's clear the future demand for energy will only increase and wind and solar offer the ability to fill the gap between gas, coal, and nuclear until something better is finally developed by science and engineering. For sure there will be demand to continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and for sure no one wants a nuke in their backyard.

I implore you to do the right thing and not give in to the emotional fears but look to the future and approve this wind farm.

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