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Zoning Board  
Bon Homme County  
Tyndall, SD

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**Mr Chairman and members of the Zoning Board**

I am Karen Jenkins, my address is 28912 410<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tripp, SD. My home is located near the intersection of 410<sup>th</sup> Ave and 289<sup>th</sup> Street, which is also referred to as Tripp Lake Road.

**Introduction**

I am here today to ask this board to deny the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Prevailing Winds, LLC. Clearly this application is the second application for a MET to be erected within the same tract, yet in a slightly different location within the tract. In essence, the developer and investors are ignoring the decision made during the Public Hearing on August 28, 2017, when for lack of a motion, the first application was denied.

This application should be denied just as the first application was denied. Please understand, this is more than just a MET tower. The purpose of the MET tower is to obtain information on wind. If the “criteria” that is being sought is found, we are one step closer to another Industrial Wind Farm. In essence, a continuation of the Beethoven Wind Farm in North West Bon Homme and South West Hutchinson Counties. This should not be allowed to happen. You must take this opportunity to protect your citizens. Please deny this application.

I have experienced disappointment, frustration, and helplessness since the Beethoven Industrial Wind Farm was in the permitting process, the construction process, and when it went online. I live three miles from where the towers start. I guess you can say I was lucky they aren't closer. Yet I feel violated more than anything. I would not wish living in or near an Industrial Wind Farm on anyone.

I feel a deep sense of loss, a sadness that is from experiencing a dream come true and watch a large part of it being taken away. Just the blight on the horizon was not enough, now comes the nuisance of noise that increases as the towers age, the red blinking lights that can be seen for miles and miles. Now, we face the looming threat of more towers and the subsequent loss of property value.

This is why I have stood before you, your commissioners, the PUC in opposition of MET and more Industrial Wind Farms. They are not good neighbors and they don't go away.

Your citizens deserve better and they need your help.

Thank you,

Karen Jenkins

