

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 10:08 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-053

Mr. Hunt,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Deuel Harvest siting permit request, docket EL18-053, currently before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

You relayed your concerns regarding some specific towers' locations and how that affects your land and farming operation. I encourage you to communicate your concerns to any one or all of the PUC staff members working on this docket: Staff Analysts Darren Kearney and Jon Thurber, and Staff Attorneys Kristen Edwards and Amanda Reiss. Their email addresses are in the docket's Service List at <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053servicelist.aspx>.

This Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of dockets such as this, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2018/el18-053/el18-053sitinghandout.pdf>, and here is an excerpt: *The commission does not have authority to change the route or location of a project.*

My fellow commissioners and I take several factors into account when considering whether or not to grant a wind siting permit. The primary duty of the commission is to ensure the location, construction, and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects to the health, safety, and welfare of the environment and citizens. Please note the standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

I encourage you to follow this docket as new information is added and it is reviewed, <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053.aspx>. Your message and my response will be

posted under Comments and Responses in the docket so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them.

Gary Hanson, Chairman
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