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Mr. and Ms. DeJong,

Thank you for your detailed message regarding the Deuel Harvest wind siting application currently being reviewed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. I appreciate your frustration given the experiences and impressions you relayed. Your concerns will be considered during the evidentiary hearing and in the commission's deliberations.

You may wish to attend the public input hearing for this docket which will be tomorrow (January 24) beginning at 5:30 PM at the Clear Lake Community Center, 218 Third Avenue South. I encourage you to view the full docket, EL18-053, online at http://puc.sd.gov/commission/orders/electric/2018/el18-053, online at http://puc.sd.gov/commission/orders/electric/2018/el18-053, online at http://puc.sd.gov/commission/orders/electric/2018/el18-053, online at http://puc.sd.gov/commission/orders/electric/2018/el18-053notice.pdf, if you have not already done so.

If you are interested in becoming a formal party to the siting case by becoming an intervenor, you will see via the docket that the deadline for those interested in applying for party status is January 29. The link to the application for party status can be found in the docket. Intervention is for those wishing to actively participate in the case through legal motions, discovery, preparation and presentation of evidence, and in-person participation in the formal evidentiary hearing.

You may also opt to follow the case by submitting comments as you have done here. It is important to understand that all communication with commissioners is posted in the docket so it is available to all individuals involved in or interested in the docket. Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket, and here is the link: http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053comments.aspx.

You may find the enclosed Siting Guide available on the PUC's website of interest as to the commission's processing of this docket, <u>http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053.aspx</u>. Again, I appreciate you sharing your concerns.

Gary Hanson, Chairman South Dakota Public Utilities Commission www.puc.sd.gov