

March 31, 2019

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Regarding PUC Docket EL 18-053 – Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm

Dear South Dakota Public Utility Commission:

My husband John Swenson and I are landowners in Portland Township, Deuel County, South Dakota and are in favor of Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm's proposed project described above. John has lived in Deuel County in the same area we live in now all of his life where he has farmed and ranched.

There are numerous reasons why we are in favor of this project and I will try to detail those reasons.

- 1) With the strong push from all government entities for "cleaner energy" and the use of less fossil fuel usage it stands to reason that wind energy is one of the ways to move in that direction.
- 2) I believe it goes without saying that the farm economy in recent years has been in a downward spiral and nothing in the economic forecast predicts it getting much better in the years ahead. The increased income that farmers and ranchers will receive from the placement of wind towers on their properties will greatly enhance their annual cash flow and in some cases will be the needed boost to keep them on the farm.
- 3) The increase in tax revenue to the counties and townships is needed. We live on a township road that receives very little maintenance due to the townships lack of money. Our road and many other township roads are in extremely bad condition. Our real estate taxes continue to rise each year. The ag community cannot continue to carry the brunt of the counties tax base and the additional revenue provided by the wind towers will help keep real estate taxes at a minimum stable.
- 4) The jobs generated by the temporary workers along with the proposed full time employees will also enhance the community with sales tax revenue and potential real estate taxes paid by the full time employees.

5) I hesitated to add this portion to this letter but have made the decision to do so. Many of the opponents of this project are small acreage owners. They state that they moved to the country for the solitude that country living offers. However, some of them are also the people that as soon as they move to those acreages start complaining about farm and ranch smells and the lack of road maintenance all of which are part of living in the country.

For the above reasons I ask that the PUC approve the Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm.

Respectfully submitted:



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