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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

**Regarding PUC Docket EL18-053 – Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm**

Dear South Dakota Public Utility Commission,

My family raises beef cattle on our land in Deuel County. We are a small ranch with around 90 head of beef cow/calf operation. We all need to work outside the ranch to help support it. With a chance to get two wind towers this would be a much needed & grateful addition to our income with no additional expense. There is no other industry that will spread this kind of money around to this many different people. Its good for property owners, townships, the county, schools, & the state of SD. Clear Lake is dying & this project will help everyone in the county whether they receive a wind turbine or not. Most of the people against wind energy in Deuel County are not planned to get a turbine. Everyone land owner in the proposed area has had the option to sign up their land or not. Those opposed shouldn't be able to tell the other land owners what they can or can not do with their own land. Deuel County commissioners have already set the largest setbacks of turbines of anywhere. These setbacks have taken cut

Sincerely,

*Dave Pederson*

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Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]  
Clear Lake SD 57224

Email: [REDACTED]



Thousands of acres + many land owners that are for the turbines. Even still they are for them because they see the big picture of the income it will bring to their county.

It seems like its all for some lake people that don't even live in the county. John Henslin for example is the only year round resident on Lake Alice + he was able to get a 2 mile setback (which is a larger setback from the City of Clear Lake) its ridiculous! That's costing us landowners a lot of money ~~and~~ a 25 year contract. Not to mention he has had his home for sale for almost 3 years. He doesn't care about Deuel County or its residents. In the last year my family has hit 3 deer with many other close calls crossing the road from John Roman's hunting ground where he has food plots, only half a mile from our home. Nobody pays to fix our automobiles, but us, + nobody asked us if we were OK with having these food plots so close to our county road. My daughter even had glass in her eye after a deer broke her drivers side window out. My last point is that we all use electricity + this will be a great way to get clean, renewable energy! Please allow this project to happen, Deuel County needs it! I have also sent a copy of a letter I wrote to our local county commissioners 2 years ago.

February 12, 2017

Dear Commissioners,

I am a landowner of a small farm in Deuel County. I raise beef cattle and have to supplement my income with another business.

The proposed wind energy project would greatly benefit my family and many other Deuel County families by providing additional income. This additional income would more than likely be spent at local business in Deuel County.

The decision you will be voting on soon has the potential of bringing my family approx. \$30,000 a year for 25 years. Multiply that by the many other families that would benefit. For this additional income we would have to do nothing more than allowing the wind blowing over our land to be harvested. This requires zero investment on our part for a renewable energy source and an additional farm income. If you vote for the additional setbacks, I along with many other landowners, will be cut from this project. Just to have a two mile setback from Lake Alice.

As well as the benefits to the landowners, the county itself would see benefits. The county, schools, townships, and fire departments would all see a large financial gain. As a county commissioner, I'm sure this is important to you and everyone living in Deuel County.

I have a concern about setbacks from lake property. How can you justify having the same setbacks from Lake Alice as Lake Cochrane? There is one permanent resident on Lake Alice. The rest are seasonal and those people live in Minnesota. They shouldn't have any issue of having to "see" towers since lake homes normally face the lake. Furthermore, if the setback for a rural resident is 1500 feet why should a resident - just because the house is on a lake - be two miles? Lake Alice seems to me to be on more of a level playing field with Bullhead Lake, which is asking for only one mile. This setback alone would affect many families who would be losing tens of thousands of dollars each year for 25 years. This money would likely be spent locally.

Is there another project pending in Deuel County that would have this kind of a positive financial impact on as many Deuel County residents?

You don't want large dairy, chicken laying facilities, large swine confinement, or large beef confinements. None of which would have as many benefits for as many local landowners as wind energy. This is rural South Dakota. This opportunity only came to us because of the transmission line already being built and the wind we already have to deal with. There are many counties in South Dakota that would love to have this opportunity!

I know there is an old adage that "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." But shouldn't the opinion of those of us who have not been as verbal be heard. These setbacks were already established before any of the landowners signed up. Invenergy has already agreed to further setbacks then the state and county require. I think this shows their willingness to work with the peoples concerns.

Please base your vote on facts and common sense because your vote will directly affect many people. Vote NO on the changes to the zoning ordinance that take my property rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Padu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.