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Sen. Wiik,

Thank you for your email regarding the Deuel Harvest Wind siting permit, docket EL18-053.

Members of the Public Utilities Commission's staff have been communicating with Deuel Harvest Wind project developers, as well as with other state agency officials including those with Gov. Noem's office, about the project's construction given COVID-19. We appreciate and share concerns about contractors and construction workers entering South Dakota given COVID-19, as we strive to protect the people in our communities.

Every wind project permit issued by the commission includes a condition that requires the company to comply with all laws. The commission also expects the company to follow all the guidelines, recommendations and executive orders Gov. Noem has issued for South Dakota. Here is a link to the commission's order issuing Deuel Harvest Wind's permit, <https://puc.sd.gov/commission/orders/electric/2019/el18-053final.pdf>, and here is a link to the governor's executive orders dealing with COVID-19, <https://covid.sd.gov/exective-orders.aspx>

Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the open Deuel Harvest docket.

Please stay safe.

Chairman Gary Hanson
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