
From: PUC

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 2:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-053

Ms. Blastick,

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

You relayed concerns as an area resident with the potential effects on the area's prairie, wildlife, residents, and way of life. You also are concerned about the potential loss of peace and quiet on your land if the project is built. 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. The standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them: <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053.aspx>.

This Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2018/el18-053/el18-053sitinghandout.pdf>.

You stated that you would welcome the opportunity to further discuss your views. Please understand that I cannot have such a conversation with you outside of a noticed, public meeting. See this excerpt from the Siting Guide: *Because commissioners have a decision making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket must take place in an open forum, such as a public meeting, with notice given to all parties.*

However, I appreciate you taking the time to write and submit your letter about the project so I may consider your opinion when deliberating on this particular docket.

Gary Hanson, Chairman
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