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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E Capitol Ave.  
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Re PUC Docket EL 18-053 -  
Dewel Harvest North Wind Farm

Dear (PUC) Commission members

I moved to Clear Lake in the Spring of 1975. Shortly after moving here, I started promoting Clear Lake and Dewel County, and working with Development Boards. Because of my efforts working with my Development Boards there are Job Opportunities, such as Sanford Clear Lake Medical Clinic, South Dakota Partners, manufacturing, Tek Ord, manufacturing for Department of Defense, Supreme Pork, supporting production of Hogs, Supreme Welding, Welders manufacturing, Dairy Expansions and many opportunities in Ag like Agri Partners, Midwood Ag, Dewel County Farmers Union, Seed Companies, Clear Lake Lumber, Krause Construction and other construction Companies.  
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This last weekend was the open House for H-D Electric Co Op, the local distribution Co Op for electricity. Recently Natural Gas expanded to provide Natural Gas to Devel Co. communities, ITC, the local telephone Cooperative built and rebuilt its headquarters in Clear Lake. It has installed Fiber Optic to just about all of its customers providing high speed internet. Because of the efforts to encourage development, schools and communities have held their own.

Now, I am very interested in the possibilities presented for the development for producing electricity from wind. For this part of the USA we have more than our fair share of wind. Until now, it has been a nuisance, moving dirt in our dust storms from one field to another. This wind development brings a unique model to the consideration of the community. It is similar to mineral rights, however South Dakota got ahead of the game with laws providing that the rights to wind cannot be severed from the land. To develop this resource, transmission lines needed to be constructed to deliver additional electricity to the markets.



Cap 2020 is now complete. Basin Electric built a natural gas ~~etc~~ generation facility near White SD to support the wind companies picking up production, as the wind dies down. Now the Natural Gas generation facility is being built near Astoria, SD. All this planning and construction provides and opportunity for this unique development.

It is unique compared to the manufacturing jobs, where the revenues go to the owners of the facilities. Wind development is unique compared to mineral rights which go to the owners of the mineral rights and not necessarily the owner of the surface land. Each land owner where a tower is located will benefit from the production of electricity as the wind is harvested. This helps to stabilize the Ag community in a number of different ways. As the Ag community benefits, local communities are benefited, too.

I apologize for length of this letter. Now please support my community and grant the permit to Inverenergy. Dennis Deussen