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

Dear Commissioners:

Gunderson & Evenson, LLP encourages the commission to approve the permit for Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm. Please support the Ag community in Deuel County by approving the permit.

The impact to the Ag community will be substantial. It will help to stabilize the Ag community and allow the farmers to obtain another crop through harvesting the wind.

The impact is substantial, such as the following:

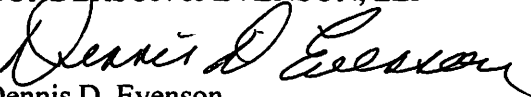
1. **Jobs** - Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm will support up to 400 jobs during constructions and employ approximately 15 full-time operations and maintenance staff.
2. **Economic development** - More than \$8 million in landowner payments, property tax payments, local spending and local staff salaries every year. Over the life of the project over \$150 million will be invested directly in the community.
3. **Benefits for local communities** - Increased tax base for townships within the project footprint, and the county. A \$30,000 per year scholarship to the direct benefit of local students at Deuel High School.
4. **Additional income to support farming families** - Wind is a new form of agricultural production to keep farms in the family and provide a hedge against commodity prices.

This wind project is very important. Please approve.

Commissioners, on behalf of the Gunderson & Evenson, LLP, attorneys, please support the Deuel County Ag community and approve this permit.

Very truly yours,

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