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Subject: [EXT] EL 18-053 The Application of Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC

TO THE COMMISSIONERS REVIEWING THE APPLICATION OF DEUEL HARVEST WIND ENERGY, LLC

REFERENCE: DOCKET EL 18-053, THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DEUEL HARVEST WIND ENERGY, LLC (The Project).

I am a landowner of farmland and buildings located on the north and northeast shores of Lake Alice in Deuel County, South Dakota (legal description: Altamont Township, Gov. Lots 2,3,4,5,6,7, and SE ¼ NE ¼ Less OL1 Gov. Lot 4). The farm has been cultivated since it was purchased by my family in 1939 and the house is still continuously occupied. The buildings are used and will be used for the foreseeable future. I AM OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITIES PLANNED TO BE LOCATED IN DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. MORE SPECIFICALLY, I AM OBJECTING TO AND COMPLAINING OF THE PROPOSED SEVEN WIND GENERATORS TO BE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF OUR FARM.

Upon reviewing the noise level estimated to be emanating from the wind farm, it is evident that the generators will provide an unacceptable level of sound at our home. The 45 dba noise curve on the drawings provided is located approximately 100 yards from our home. I assume the curve is calculated at an AVERAGE operating speed of the generators, however, the wind from the north is usually very strong and the generators will be operating at maximum speed or close to that speed most of the time. The wind from the north will also carry the sound of the operating generators toward the house and the 45 dba curve will extend down to the house where the noise level will be very irritating and unpleasant to live with. It is always windy at the shores of the lake and most of the time the wind blows from the north! Even with a gentle breeze and a low operating speed of the generators, the sound will always reach the house and be a constant irritant at a level that is unacceptable!

The annual migration of numerous species of birds, especially flocks of ducks, geese, cranes and blackbirds fly north and south over the farm and the house. The location of the proposed seven generators is directly in their flight path!!! Many species also spend the summers in our area and they also come and go in flight paths that are directly obstructed by the proposed seven generators!

The landscape of the area within Deuel County should not be disfigured by the towers, power lines and other facilities of the proposed wind farm. It should remain in its current native state. Other utility operators have respected the pristine environment of our area, even going so far as to bury the power lines to the rural farms to preserve the landscape.

While deciding whether to approve or disapprove the project, I would appreciate your careful consideration of the factors I have set forth above. In the event The Project is approved, please make the approval subject to the elimination of the seven generators located at the north edge of our property.

Sincerely,

Gustav N. Van Steenberg

Deuel County Land Owner

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