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**To:** PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>

**Subject:** [EXT] Regarding PUC Docket EL 18-053 - Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commission,

As a landowner, former resident, and die hard South Dakotan I urge you to consider approval of the Deuel Harvest Wind Farm in Deuel County. The benefits to the community, the state and the environment are very significant. Likely this is one of the largest economic benefits for the area since approximately \$1,500,000 in annual property tax will be paid. Not to mention the additional income to farms in the area that will help sustain many that have financially struggled over the years.

It makes great sense to utilize wind as a resource to generate energy since there's almost no down side to this type of generation. The county has had numerous hearings and has even modified some setback rules that are more stringent than state requirements in order to diminish concerns of adjacent property owners who are not interested in having a windmill. The project effectively provides as much power as what a coal plant would provide. That means less emissions (comparable to taking 95 thousand cars off the road) that we would all be breathing. Climate change is not theoretical when statistics are consulted. According to Science X a web-based science, research and technology news service "... temperature observations make it clear the new normal will be systematically rising temperatures, not the stability of the last 100 years. The traditional definition of climate is the 30-year average of weather. The fact that – once the official records are in for February 2015 – it will have been 30 years since a month was below average is an important measure that the climate has changed." Another way to look at this startling fact is that people that are younger than 30 have never experienced a month where the earth's average surface temperature was below average.

Thank you for considering all the benefits to Deuel County and South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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