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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL18-053

Mr. Johnson,

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

You mentioned the importance of this project for its impact to the local community by way of jobs, income diversity, and an increased tax base. Those are items we will consider regarding their effects on the social and economic condition of the citizens. Additionally, my fellow commissioners and I take several factors into account when considering whether or not to grant a wind siting permit. The commission's primary duty is to ensure the location, construction, and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects to the environment and that the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens are not adversely affected. The standards we follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

I encourage you to follow along as this docket is processed, <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053.aspx>. Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket, so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them.

This Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2018/e118-053/e118-053sitinghandout.pdf>.

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