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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 5:09 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** EL18-053

**Importance:** High

Mr. Johnson,

This is in response to your email relaying your opinion of crop spraying with regard to the Deuel Harvest siting permit request, docket EL18-053, currently before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

This **Siting Guide** posted on the commission's website and in the Deuel Harvest docket explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2018/el18-053/el18-053sitinghandout.pdf>. Here are excerpts:

**Submit comments.** Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments about an active siting case to the PUC. These *informal* public comments are reviewed and considered by the PUC commissioners and staff. **Comments should include the docket number or siting project name, commenter's full name, mailing address, e-mail address and phone number.** These comments **should be emailed to [puc@state.sd.us](mailto:puc@state.sd.us)** or mailed or hand-delivered to PUC, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. Comments are posted in the "Comments" section of the docket within a reasonable time after having been received. The commenter's name, city and state will be posted along with their comment. Comments received from businesses, organizations or other commercial entities (on letterhead, for example) will include the full contact information for such.

**Communicate on record.** Verbal communication between a commissioner and a person with an interest in a matter before the commission that does not occur in a public forum or as part of the official record should be avoided. Those who communicate in writing with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket matter should understand that their comments will become part of the official record and subject to review by all parties and the public. Likewise, comments made at a PUC public proceeding or submitted to the commission relative to a docket matter become part of the record, open to review by all parties and the public. Because commissioners have a decision making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket must take place in an open forum, such as a public meeting, with notice given to all parties.

My fellow commissioners and I take several factors into account when considering whether or not to grant a wind siting permit. The primary duty of the commission is to ensure the location, construction, and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects to the health, safety, and welfare of the environment and citizens. The standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Please submit your full mailing address along with your message regarding this specific docket to [PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us), and refrain from further direct contact with my fellow commissioners and me other than via this email address.

Thank you.

Kristie Fiegen, Commissioner  
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