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Subject: [EXT] EL18-053 Deuel Harvest Wind

To all SDPUC Commissioners,

When describing Wind Energy Systems in South Dakota the only thing that comes to mind is; the Victimization of non participating South Dakota land owners.

If you are wondering why I say this, well, there really isn't another word in my vocabulary that works.

We all chose to make South Dakota our home.

We all chose to raise our families here.

We all chose to pay taxes here.

But, many of our elected officials have chosen to use those of us who do not to support WES as, experiments.

We are over ruled by politicians and lobbyist with their own agendas, and the agendas of WES to take advantage of tax credits.

Victims of Noise and Infrasound, because you as commissioners feel it is alright to force DBAs of 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 on non participating land owners with no consistency or use of science.

Victims of shadow flicker. Some WES being approved for 30 hours of flicker a year, and then some WES being asked to only allow 15 hours of flicker a year, or whispers of really I wish we could place conditions of 0 hours of flicker on dwellings where people reside.

Victims of Property Use Rights. When you don't place height restrictions on wind turbines, you are giving away the ability to make sure that taller towers with unknown safety setbacks could destroy non participating land owners ability to use or even possible continue live on their properties safely.

Victims of Property Value loss. When you decide on any particular WES to change your minds on what kind of conditions to place on any specific application due to various reasons, causing many properties to loose property values of unknown amounts. Deciding that the loss is worth the overall gain.

We are victims of passing the buck. County officials with direct conflicts of interest cases still being decided and WES going forward with applications to the PUC for approval anyway is like taking advantage of South Dakota laws and regulation. County and State officials passing the buck back and forth between SDPUC commissioners and county commissioners. For example, County officials passing to the PUC to make decisions on decommissioning This worries many residences as to who if anyone is going to protect us now or in the future.

Scientific studies, or published articles all seem to be scrutinized so deeply, that all of them are ignored or deemed as irrelevant. Where do we go to get the scientific studies, and how much do we as private citizens have to spend on these studies.

We feel as victims as we are expected to spend thousands of dollars to try to defend our own rights given to us be the constitution.

The ecosystem in South Dakota is also a victim. Wildlife living in South Dakota and those that migrate through South Dakota have no voice. They loose because they are deemed expendable.

I could go on and on...My words do not matter, because I don't have the expertise or degrees for my conclusions to have merit. Niether does many of the WES employees.

I feel like a victim....how many others feel the same. Stop making the hard working, non participating land owners in South Dakota feel like victims of WES. We are experiments, because none of you really know what the effects are going to be on the ecosystem, economy, or humans being forced to live amongst Industrial Wind Turbines

We all matter!

I am asking that you deny this application EL18-053.

I also request that this public comment be added to EL18-003, EL18-026 and EL18-046

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