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Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 10:11 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Add Comments to Docket EL18-053

PUC:

I was born and raised in South Dakota. My family and I moved to Deuel County almost 12 years ago. We have always lived in the country; and this move was not an easy one from our Lake County acreage. We were moving from the area where our ancestors homesteaded and relatives all grew up and lived.

We *could* have chosen to live in the the Brookings or Watertown areas, and my husband *could* have commuted into Clear Lake; but we chose Deuel County to move to, because of the uniqueness of the Coteau des Prairies! In fact, we like the whole Glacial Lakes Area!

It took us 6 months to find our unique piece of property northwest of Gary. We love that area with it's rolling hills, gulches and creeks. Our acreage's historic home was built by Millard F. Greeley, who, in 1889, was elected to our state's 1st South Dakota Legislature, and then the Senate in 1896.

~(See Information Attached Below)~

Now, we are being threatened with these giant industrial monstrosities that will clutter up the land, and ruin the whole landscape. We are just sick. We don't want to look at them, or hear them, or have to drive thru them on the roads!

The whole 'blinking red lights' at night would be obnoxious. The technology is out there to have them only come on when aircraft is approaching. Request that be included in all these projects!

And what about 'ice throws'? The setbacks need to be further...further from roads, and

further from residents or any structure.

We also don't like the fact that they kill wildlife and make them go away. We see deer, turkeys, many species of birds and other animals where we live. And on many occasions year 'round, *and* 3 times in the last month, we have seen bald eagles in the area. There is a juvenile one, all black, and the mature, white headed adult bald eagle. We see them on the roads, they fly over our gulch and roost in our trees. We believe that there is a nest in this area somewhere. It's just a matter of finding its location.

We are also afraid of the potential fire risk that the turbines could cause and directly burn the prairies and trees to the north, west, and south of us leading directly to our 28 acres.

Monighan Creek flows through our property too, and what pollutants will trickle down into its waters from the turbines all over the county?!

You are taking away our peace of mind and quality of living in the country! If we would have known this back when we were going to move to this area, we would have NEVER moved to Deuel County!

Our property values will go down! You will have taken our biggest investment in Life and degraded it! Why don't you request that Invenergy give us non-participants a "Property Value Guarantee"? They can buy us out when nobody wants to live here. Where are our property rights?

You are letting big corporations come in and use South Dakota for their junk yard! Who will want to live here or move here if it's full of wind turbines? And to top it off, NO energy transmitted by these turbines, even stays in South Dakota! How ironic; and most of the South Dakotans don't even know that! They only hear what the wind companies put out in their ads on t.v. and the radio that are misleading to the public stating about how this is "Green Energy for South Dakota". Those corporations are here only to use us to make \$\$\$\$. Please don't ruin our state!

Sincerely,
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Attached are 2 References Pertaining to our Historical Property:

~1 is from the Biographical Directory of South Dakota Legislature 1889 - 1989

~2nd one is: **Map of Deuel County, South Dakota** : compiled and drawn from a special survey and official records. **Created / Published** Vermillion, S.D. : E. Frank Peterson, **c1898**