

March 31, 2019

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capital Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Regarding PUC Docket EL18-053 – Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm

Dear Commission Members,

We are writing this letter about the Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm north of Clear Lake, SD. Our family has been life long residents of Deuel County and are proponents of wind energy for the following reasons:

We have two sons and a son-in-law farming with us. It takes more and more “value added” income to make our operation successful. Wind energy is one of those sources of income that can add stability to our bottom line.

We believe it will provide full time jobs in our county which are needed badly. There is very little industry to choose from, so an added industry like wind would attract new families to our county and our school district.

There is a huge benefit to the local community by offering scholarships to students at Deuel High School. I am presently the chairperson of the Deuel County Community Foundation Board and would encourage this investment into the future of our students. It’s a gift that would keep giving for years to come.

The economic development with landowner payments, property tax payments and local staff salaries is projected to add \$150MM per year to our county. There is nothing else that could even slightly compare to that type of boost in our economy.

Deuel County is like many rural counties in South Dakota. The small towns are dying, and the school enrollment becomes at risk of dying as well. When there are limited employment opportunities and limited resources, we believe that wind energy will be the only way we will economically survive during these down turns in the ag commodity prices.

We wish to continue with our generational farm into the distant future and with wind energy, we will be able to see that dream come to fruition for our kids and our grandkids. Please consider approving the above project to help save our small towns in Deuel County.

Sincerely,

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