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Kevin Mack



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Dear Mr. Mack,

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

You relayed your support for the proposed project given the increased tax base and added income you state it would provide to Deuel County landowners and other residents. 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.

Your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them. You will find the docket online by going to www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets and scrolling down to EL18-053.

The enclosed Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this.

Sincerely,

Gary Hanson