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Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:11 PM **To:** 'randyh@sdcorn.org' <randyh@sdcorn.org>

Subject: EL18-053

President Noem, Executive Director Richardson, and South Dakota Corn Grower Association Members,

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

You relayed the South Dakota Corn Growers Association's support for this project given the economic benefits you perceive it will provide. 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.

I encourage you all to follow this docket as new information is added, http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053.aspx. 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.

This Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this, http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2018/el18-053/el18-053sitinghandout.pdf.

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