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Subject: EL18-053

South Dakota Farmers Union President Sombke and Executive Director Hofhenke,

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 organization's support for the proposed project and the economic benefit for landowners, ag producers, and area residents through increased revenue and jobs. 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 message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them: <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-053.aspx>.

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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