

EL18-053 - In the Matter of the Application of Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility and a 345-kV Transmission Line in Deuel County

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Katie Stone and I live in Gary, SD. My husband is originally from the area and grew up 3 miles south of Gary. He has lived here his whole life, except for the first 5 years of our marriage. In 2014, we decided to move back to Gary to be more involved with his family's business and soon to be taking over the operation. We will be continuing the business his [REDACTED], started in the mid 1980's raising Ring-neck pheasants and continuing South Dakota Pheasant Hunts, a licensed shooting preserve.

We have many concerns with the project. We did our research on the pros and cons of wind farms and see that the cons outweigh any of the pros. Many proponents have stated that opponents got all of their information from the internet and you can't believe everything you read on the internet. I agree with that statement, we did get our information from the internet and have read many studies and papers. How else does one research? Many studies have showed the impact wind farms have on wildlife dispersions, avian mortality, infrasound, shadow flicker, noise nuisance, various health issues, etc.

Obviously one of the big concerns I have is how this project will affect our business. We can't prove that it will. How many pheasant preserves have been directly adjacent to a wind farm and published a report that it has lost business? I don't believe it can be proven that it won't hurt our business. When I envision hunting I see a quiet location out in the country where I can be one with nature. I feel this is a picture many of our clients look forward to year after year. I simply can't see how shadow flicker and the noise pollution put forth from these turbines, is not going to taint the experience we have built over the years for our clients.

Our land is somewhere I feel at peace. Many times over the years I would be struggling with what life had thrown at us, we would go out to the farm to walk or just bring a chair and hang out. Things just felt right. It would be quiet and we were able to get away from things, just talk and process whatever was going on. Going out there now I just shake my head and feel disappointed, and sometimes a bit anxious that my place of solitude might be taken away from me.

Please help us keep the time and money we have invested in moving back to Deuel County by either denying the permit or at least by providing a larger setback from our property lines/ business. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Katie Stone