

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

Applicant First Set of DR

Heath Stone

1-2) 803 Lac Qui Parle St. Gary SD 57237

1-3) Personal Property- Glenwood Township T-116-N, R 48 Sec. 34  
Stones Conservation Partnership LLP-Glenwood Township T-116-N, R48 Sec. 34,35  
No habitable buildings

1-4) No residence

1-5) South Dakota Pheasant Hunts is a licensed preserve that operates its business on the property listed above. This is the main source of income derived from the property. My family enjoys the property for its peace and quietness and plentiful wildlife that inhabit the area. Outdoor recreation, education and preservation of habitat are the main focus of the property. Every fall hunters come and enjoy pheasant hunting on our property. Food plots are planted in the spring and haying some portions of the property is done late summer.

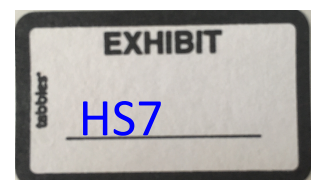
1-6) I have an abandoned building site located near Turbine 103. Future plans are to build a home at the site. There are several deer stands located on the property listed above. The property hosts a variety of wildlife and crucial habitat for grassland bird species that need big blocks of grass to thrive. The property has a diverse community of native fauna that provides habitat for all wildlife and insects.

1-7) As mentioned above, there is an old building site on our property we want to build a house on in the future. Turbine 103 would be within the set back distance of non-participating residences in the Deuel County ordinance. Turbines 103, 109, 110, 111 are in close proximity to the property and will cause uncertainty to our pheasant hunting operation and put our clients at risk if a turbine malfunctions. The turbines close to the property will have a negative impact on the pheasant population since pheasants avoid the areas near the turbines.

Throughout the project several turbines are located near permanent wetlands that are staging areas for waterfowl in the spring and fall migrations and vital for local waterfowl that use these waters to rear their broods. Turbine 6,13, 14, 63,64, 85, 86, 95, 96, 101, 102, 109-115, 118, 119, 120, 121 all pose a direct threat to waterfowl coming and going from these bodies of waters. Waterfowl are sensitive to tall structures next to wetlands and will cause them to avoid them all together.

Turbines throughout the project are located too close to ecological sensitive areas.

1-8) Turbines near non-participating property lines should have a setback of 1 mile. Turbine 103 is restricting future development on my property and turbines 109, 110, and 111 pose a direct threat to our pheasant operation. Turbines 6, 13, 14, 63, 64, 85, 86, 95, 96, 101, 102, 109-115, 118, 119, 120, 121 shall have a setback of 1 mile due to their close proximity to these wetlands that are vital for waterfowl to utilize these bodies of water for brood rearing, roosting and staging.



1-9) I have a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. I am a conservationist. I have acquired my professional expertise by reading and studying papers and documents to better our habitat, wildlife populations and pheasant operation on our property.

1-10) None at this time.

1-11) None at this time

1-12) Gary Jaeger (County Commissioner)-unwritten, Present-Gary and I, discussion took place about the wind farms that were moving into the area. I voiced my concerns for wildlife and setbacks. Do not remember the date.

Lynn Pederson (County Commissioner)-unwritten, Present-Lynn and I, discussion took place about the wind farms that were moving in to the area. I voiced my concerns for wildlife and setbacks. Do not remember the date.

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C) As stated above