

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**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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* **APPLICANT'S SECOND SET OF DATA**
* **REQUESTS TO HEATH STONE**
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* **EL18-053**
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Below, please find Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC's ("Applicant") Second Set of Data Requests to Heath Stone. Please submit responses within 10 business days or promptly contact the undersigned to discuss an alternative arrangement.

- 2-1) On page 1 of your direct testimony, you stated that you "raise about 6,000 ring-neck pheasants annually." Where are these pheasants raised and at what time of year?

- 2-2) At what times and for what purpose do you release the pheasants onto your property?

- 2-3) How do you believe pen-raised, non-wild, pheasants would be affected by the proposed Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm? Provide any scientific evidence that you have that supports this claim.

- 2-4) Please identify the location of the "old homestead" referenced in your response to Staff Data Request 1-3. State whether the building is vacant.

- 2-5) Did representatives from Invenergy and/or Deuel Harvest meet with you multiple times over beginning in 2016 to discuss the Project, and see if you were interested in participating in the Project?



Dated this 27th day of March 2019.

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Responses to Deuel Harvest Wind Energy Second Set of Data Requests

2-1) The pheasants are raised at 18203 486th Ave Gary SD. As a crow flies, it is approximately 3.25 miles from the southeast corner of the project boundary. They are raised year round.

2-2) Pheasants are released starting in September and continues through March. South Dakota Pheasants Hunts is a licensed shooting preserve operated by myself and Will. Pheasants are released for clientele to hunt.

2-3) There is a stable wild population of pheasants in the area that utilize ours and the neighboring properties. When we release birds onto our property, they disperse over our land and the surrounding landscape. The pheasants we release are hardy birds that can survive the winter and make it to spring, but also having the populations of pheasants that are already established in the area will provide a higher survival rate of our released birds. This in return will help boost the local pheasant population. The released birds will find these groups of wild birds and will pick up on their instincts and habits quickly, providing a greater chance of their survival. If wind turbines are erected near our property, it will displace the wild population and not allow our birds that are released to have the greatest potential to survive multiple seasons.

2-4) The old homestead is located in the NW corner of my property that I own. I have stated my legal description in the first set of data requests. However, I will be more specific, it is located 1640 ft from tower 103 and .5 mile east of Receptor 772, which I don't understand how 772 is a participating residence when no one has lived at the residence for many years. The old homestead property is currently vacant, however, my family and I spend many days at this location having a picnic, bird watching, viewing wildlife, and enjoying the evening sunset while also enjoying the mornings while we are deer hunting from our tree stand.

2-5) Two times in the spring. Gene May stopped both times, first to introduce himself and the project and the second visit was to discuss concerns we had with the project. I contacted Gene in late summer of 2016 to inform him we would not be participating.

Date 4-7-2019



Heath Stone