

Below are email conversations I had with Dan Litchfield of Invenergy after he approached me following the Feb. 7th Commissioners Meeting wanting to know if I would be the one to get the group of those opposed together to visit..... (start at the back)

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From: "Litchfield, Daniel" <DLitchfield@invenergyllc.com>
Date: 2/10/17 7:53 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Oeltjenbruns, Angel" <Angel.Oeltjenbruns@k12.sd.us>
Subject: RE: Health

Good morning Angel. Yesterday just flew away for me.

I think that if we drew up a map showing 1 mile setbacks from every creek/ravine and forest in the county, there would be nothing left. If you saw that map and realized how much space of other peoples' land you are asking to set aside for eventual, theoretical residential development, would that change your mind? I can get the map made, but don't want to waste anybody's time.

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Subject: Re: Health

I can let them know, but I'm willing to bet it won't be an option. I just thought it in your best interest to get this group quieted down with minimal effect to your proposed project. I'm guessing they will proceed as planned.....

Angel

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Well we can memorialize it with a contract. We'd be looking for not just lack of opposition from your group toward our interests, but support for our interests. Our interests are to see a return to the old zoning ordinance. We'd also want your explicit support for an eventual permit application from our project (s). In exchange for this cooperation, we would offer the cooperation that you request of not placing wind turbines in certain areas.

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There aren't many areas that have a lot of trees, ravines and creek. I was trying to make a distinction of the landscape on the eastern side of county.

How exactly would you propose to guarantee the setback?

I will have to let these people know what some of the ideas are so they are willing to let me share their info with you.

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I am concerned the ask of me is too broad. Creeks and forests or just specific people's property lines? There are a lot of creeks and forests all over the county. 1 or 2 miles from all of those is going to eliminate most of the county if not all. I just don't see that as a reasonable request. That ask would be to essentially set aside the entire county for *potential* residential development while blocking wind development that is more of a here and now.

Can you give me a more specific list of who wants 1 mile setbacks from their properties? Maybe addresses or land descriptions so I can see where they are and map them.

I also must point out that with the materials I sent last night, it should be apparent that a 1 mile setback is unnecessary to achieve peace and good health near a wind farm. Setbacks of 1500 feet and sound restrictions of 50 dBA are more than adequate.

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Dan-

You asked if we could visit to see if we could resolve some of the concerns of the people in the group. That is my intention, we could debate all day about where homes could maybe go. I've seen the development in the area

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Subject: RE: Health

Good morning Angel –

Thanks for your consideration. I will ask our Environmental Permitting Manager to explain a bit about what setbacks we will be using to avoid or mitigate impacts to wildlife, but 2 miles is going to be way more than is required by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and South Dakota GFP. Science does not support that setbacks that large make any real difference.

Why 2 miles?

That is an extremely large area, approximately 8700 acres from a square, ten acre parcel.

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Good Morning Dan-

I gave this alot of thought last night and there is one common thread amongst all these landowners, they have land or are near land with woods and creeks or a lake. Would you be open to a 2 miles set back from wooded areas with creeks with a waiver up to a mile.

3 miles of Lake Cochrane with waiver up to 2 miles for those who don't mind them closer?
This wouldn't take up as large of an area as a radius of town and really takes out land that in most cases the majority of isn't conducive to wind turbines. I don't have a map with me, but I believe most of the participants that if would affect have land elsewhere that turbines can be placed on.
Let me know your thoughts.

Angel

these people live and it will continue, for whatever reason people like to live by other people....I prefer peace and quiet myself.

Right now we are trying to
#1 come to an agreeable setback for the people who are currently living in the area
#2 preserve the natural area that surrounds Gary for future growth.

It's that simple. It's too far down the path to change minds. They don't want a tower within 1 mile of their property lines. I simply thought we could work this out since it appeared one mile from that area wasn't going to affect your project by much and you would quiet down a large group of opponents.

If it isn't something you can consider, then just let me know, and I will pass on the word.

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Are these specific home sites that are in the process of being developed or more of a preservation plan for eventual, theoretical development?

How about up in the NE corner of the county off the ridge where the wind is lower? Wouldn't a less windy site be more desirable for residential development? I'm talking about an area approximately 5 miles north of you in Antelope Valley township.

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To allow for a preserved area for new homes, it's the land that is desirable to build on. Landowners who want to participate could sign waiver up to a mile, so in those cases it's only a mile.

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