

Dear PUC

I just read Gary Hanson's remarks in the Capital Journal on his re-election. He did not get my vote this year.

"Generally, citizens are interested in renewable energy that is **economically responsible and doesn't interfere with their quality of life**. I will be pushing for very much the same things: making certain that our utilities are responsibly priced, safe and reliable. Additionally, that we are **environmentally conscious**. And, that we do not allow other states' policies and laws to increase the cost of our electricity. I appreciate the citizens' faith and trust that they have placed in me," Hanson concluded.

I wonder what Gary is thinking. Does economically responsible mean spending 3 million dollars of taxpayer money for every turbine built, as it costs about 3 million to build one and the 10-year tax credit is awfully close to 3 million dollars. Is that responsible? When he says, "doesn't interfere with their quality of life" Who is Gary talking about? Certainly not about people living under wind turbines. My wife and I sleep in the basement full time now. I can use my office about 1/3 of the time. My headaches and head/chest/ear pressure some days are unbearable. We had to buy a camper to leave this summer. We just planted \$6000 worth of mature trees to block out the sight of those ugly things. The red lights that are supposed to be off are on at least half of nights. **Environmentally conscious?** I think not. The millions of tons of concrete that they rape our farm ground with, the non-recyclable blades that they have buried in Sioux Falls and Mitchell landfills, and no plan where the next tens of thousands of blades will go when they need to be replaced to start the PTC all over again. The rare earth minerals, the oil dripping down the sides of the turbines, the stray voltage, bird deaths.....you have no conscious about the environment, Gary, you just pretend to.

Gary is worried about our cost of electricity. Here is what I just read in the American Experiment.

Xcel Energy recently announced its intention to impose a massive [15.2 percent increase in electricity prices in Minnesota over the course of three years to pay for a \\$466 million spending spree that will pay for wind turbines, transmission lines, distribution system and nuclear plant upgrades, higher corporate profits, and erase customer savings from energy efficiency. However, the 15.3 percent is just an average. In fact, the government-approved monopoly utility is seeking to raise residential electricity rates by \[17.75 percent\]\(#\), representing a massive increase in electricity costs for Minnesota families](#)

So why do you think it's going to be any different in South Dakota? I think it's such a joke our Governor runs around the country pretending to be a conservative when back home our state is turning into the Green New Deal, will stink like hog confinements every time you open the window and in a couple years they will be selling dope on every street corner.

But Gary, I must compliment you on one thing, that photo you used in your campaign made you look 40 years younger. How old was that photo anyway?

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