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Address to PUC regarding **Dakota Range 3**

Summit School Gym, Summit, SD 57266

To: SD PUC at Dakota Range 3 - Public Hearing

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Three issues that clearly confirm the value of Wind Plants in Grant County:

1. Asset Value – Wind is an asset to Grant County
 - a. Energy generation is shifting to renewables that include wind
 - b. The fuel cost is zero and it never stops producing
 - c. If Grant County doesn't provide the potential wind energy – someone else will, because it is the smart thing to do
2. Long Term value, without significant side effects
 - a. We are not the first to experience wind energy and obtain its benefits
 - b. History of Industrial wind plants have been around long enough to disprove any serious health impacts; no negative impact on values.
 - c. Some wind turbines are now in the 10 MW range and in the water
 - d. Income and taxes provided by the wind plant operator never stop
 - e. Landowners, Rural area leaders and Regulators around the world give high marks to existing wind plants. Initial fears have withered.
3. Skilled jobs – good people working transparently with regulators and landowners
 - a. Training and stability is a part, increased cash flow, upward mobility
 - b. Second level benefits in the community – Personal and business growth
 - c. Initial disruption is temporary, coordinated with landowners and county.
 - d. Long Term Advantages outweigh any Temporary Discomfort.

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