

**Respectfully submitted to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:**

**My name is Jeff Collins and my wife, [REDACTED] and I were Deuel county residents for 15 years. We still own our home near Gary, SD, which is within one-half mile of the proposed Deuel Harvest North Wind Project.**

**Since Fall of 2016, we have been concerned and actively sought to change the setbacks for wind turbines in Deuel County to hopefully extinguish the detrimental effects they can have when placed too close to people's homes. The effort was based on research of facts from current wind projects, most notably from the current project in southern Deuel and northern Brookings counties, which were built under the old county ordinances.**

**Despite the updated county ordinances for wind projects, we did not believe the setbacks were enough to insure the health and wellbeing of the county residents. We moved our family out of Deuel County and South Dakota in 2018, as a result of the Deuel County Zoning Board's refusal to answer and address my concern for the health of our family in regards to Invenergy's three potential wind project maps for northern Deuel County.**

**At the Zoning Board meeting last January (2018), all three of Invenergy's potential project maps had 1-2 turbines placed approx. 3 / 4 mile from our house. Our concern and request of the zoning board at that meeting was that they remove any turbines from [REDACTED] before approval of the project, unless they could guarantee that those turbine(s) would not affect the health of my family.**

**At that meeting I stated that even though those specific turbines were in compliance with setbacks, we were still concerned about the health and welfare of our family.**

**There was no response from the zoning board or Invenergy regarding my concerns for my family.**

**Others spoke that night over concerns over the same section, but no response. The project was approved by the zoning board and as a result 3 homes were put for sale in our neighborhood including our own.**

The current Turbine Siting Constraints Map (dated 11-30-18 in the application for permit) reveals that now there are currently no turbines sited for [REDACTED]

I understand that Invenergy is running a business and decisions are based on the most economical model, but if they truly cared about Deuel County citizens, and would have addressed some turbine siting concerns a year ago, they could have extinguished resident's concerns and likely kept some folks from moving out of Deuel County.

My current concern is that Invenergy's inability to work with concerned citizens is still having it's affects in Deuel County and may cause others to leave or live with the lasting effects of turbines placed too close to homes.

Please consider this and take another look at their map and how it could affect other Deuel County residents, before approving a permit for the Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm and Transmission Facility.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Collins DVM

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