

From: PUC

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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: EL19-003

Ms. Broyhill,

Thank you for your message regarding the Crowned Ridge wind siting permit request docket, EL19-003, addressed to one of the docket's intervenors, Kristi Mogen, and shared with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. You relayed frustrations about the proposed project's tax credits, the large wind turbines, industrial wind projects, and the negative affects you believe projects such as this will bring.

The commission is required by law to base our decisions on actual evidence presented in the docket process. We cannot make these decisions based on feelings or hearsay or internet searches.

By law, we must take several factors into account when considering whether or not to grant a wind siting permit. The primary duty of the commission is to ensure the location, construction, and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects to the health, safety, and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. The standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Again, the commission's decisions must be based upon evidence that is presented to the commission by parties of the docket. If we as commissioners were to disregard the laws when determining the outcome of wind siting permit requests, we would be disregarding the oath each of us took after being elected: to follow the laws of the state of South Dakota. These laws were voted on and enacted by the South Dakota Legislature.

Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the EL19-003 docket so my fellow commissioners and others can access them.

Gary Hanson, Chairman
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