
From: PUC

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Ms. Kemp,

Thank you for your message regarding wind energy development in South Dakota.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission has decisions pending on several requests for wind siting permits. Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen and I base our decisions on evidence presented via the docket review process, as required by law. The primary determination is whether or not the location, construction and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. These standards are provided by South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Job creation and renewable energy are not standards in the laws providing the commission's energy facility permit authority. South Dakota's electric generation is 46% hydro, 30% wind, 18% coal, and 6% natural gas, and that consumed is 51% coal, 18% wind, 15% hydro, 8% nuclear, 7% natural gas, and 1% other.

Your message and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in dockets EL19-003, EL19-007, EL19-012, and EL19-026. Here is a link to the commission's Siting Guidelines posted on the PUC's website home page and in each wind siting docket, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/e119-003/e119-003sitinghandout.pdf>.

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