

To the PUC Members:

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Hello, I farm in Hughes & Sully Counties and live in Hughes close to Blunt.

I would like to express some concerns I have with the French-owned big wind developer, ENGIE, that is requesting a permit from you to build more than 70, (500-600 ft) tall 2.5-3.0 Megawatt Industrial wind turbines in Hughes & Hyde Counties in 2022.

First of all I would like you to not issue them a permit at all, but, if you do approve their application, please do not do it until they "Fix" the roads they have messed up in Hyde Co. I am very concerned about the condition they have left them in! If this is how they damage them I certainly do not want that happening in Hughes Co as it will adversely affect our Grain and Livestock hauling.

I live South of a gravel pit and just the "trucks" hauling by my place makes this road quit rough.

Another concern I have is how these wind turbines will affect our electricity rates in the future, since these projects always seem to leave behind higher rates and cause 'blown outs' like the ones in February of this year.

How can you guarantee that adding more wind farms to the grid will not cripple our electricity sources since wind energy has proven to be an unreliable and short-term solution?

Thank you for your time and for considering my concerns.

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