

RE: Triple-H Wind Project – Public Utilities Commission Meeting
Ref: PUC Project Docket Number EL 19-007

Farming is hard work, always taking risks, and continuously stepping up your research to obtain better results. In an unsure world, you have to be progressive to hopefully get ahead of Mother Nature, farming conditions and finances, just to name a few.

With that being said, we have an opportunity to step up our farming community with energy utilized by the one free thing we have, wind, to help obtain more security with energy production, more jobs, and help everyone in the community with the tax base that does not meet the demands of current farming prices, as well as additional employment, and revenue to the area from those additional jobs. Nothing worthwhile is ever easy, and nothing easy comes without consideration.

Therefore, we would to encourage you to consider the impact that all these factors have on our dwindling community, in hopes to encourage our young people to be able to stay and prosper in an area like their families have in the past as well as potential growth. We are facing many obstacles in our future, and we can use opportunities like this to help obtain better results. Some of those results are security of energy, an estimated \$1.3 million dollar tax base that helps each and every one of the community residents, and an opportunity to keep our good people here and our small communities alive and thriving. We need to look forward, just like generations in the past, and be able to improve our resources and abilities through technology and most importantly, our free resource, the wind. Help us obtain this goal by looking deep into the big picture of this wind project and be able to look back on it with successful pride. This project is a must have.

Thank you,
Darwin Baloun
Multi-generation farmer, Hyde County.

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