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To: SD Public Utilities Commissioners – Pierre, SD

I am writing to encourage approval of the Triple H Wind project in Hyde County, South Dakota. The project has many benefits to help the county sustain itself into the future. The project will generate sizable tax revenue to a county that is very agriculturally structured. The county is strapped for cash as most agricultural counties are.

The benefits personally will be sizable for many of the same reasons. As the property we own is agricultural property and the added revenue will assure that my family will be able to continue to service the debt on the property. Currently the revenue generated on the property is barely covering the debt service and with the current state of the agricultural landscape it is very questionable in the future that we will be able to continue to cover the debt service. The revenue generated from potential wind towers would help in assuring covering debt service and potentially allowing for some profit from the property.

The community and surrounding areas would benefit greatly as well since there will be a good number of jobs created. Again, this will greatly benefit the challenged rural economy. As a local business man in Highmore I would definitely be in support of swift approval of the project.

There have been a good number of concessions made by the county throughout the approval process and I believe that the concessions have more than met the concerns by residents of the county regarding setbacks and other concerns.

I would ask that the Public Utility Commission please move in an expedient manner to approve the project so that it is able to move forward in a timely fashion.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.



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