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Matthew and Heather Beaner

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Dear Mr. and Ms. Beaner,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Sweetland siting permit request, docket EL19-012, before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

You relayed your support for the requested permit as landowners within the project area. I appreciate you sharing your opinion on the proposed project's benefits to you and the community.

My fellow commissioners and I 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 the environment and citizens. The standards we must follow are defined in South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket so my fellow commissioners and other interested individuals can access them. You will find the docket online by going to [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2019 Electric Dockets and scrolling down to EL19-012.

The enclosed Siting Guide explains the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this.

Sincerely,

Gary Hanson