

Good Evening.

We have many concerns with the Sweetland Project.
Here are just a few:

1) Liability

How much liability insurance does Sweetland/Scout carry for this Hand County project?
Wind Company liability insurance should be required.

2) Projected Revenue

The projected revenue for Hand County from the Wind Project (handed out by the Hand County Zoning Board) was prepared by Scout Clean Energy. It was misleading, and was never clarified.

The SD Dept. of Revenue said that the state keeps 80% of the production tax.

The SD Dept. of Education said that a new funding formula applies to any new wind project revenue after July 1, 2016. The first 5 years, the school keeps their percent of revenue. In year 6, 20% is considered "local effort" with incremental reductions until there is a "zero sum impact on the school district revenue" by year 10 and thereafter. Hand County's projected income realized is closer to 1/3 of what the Hand County Zoning Board reported to the public and was printed in The Miller Press.

3) Decommissioning and Reclamation

The Sweetland Agreement does not address decommissioning and reclamation.
Bonding should be mandatory to cover the millions it may cost for decommissioning and reclamation.

4) Ads

Scout spends money on ads in the Miller Press with the 4-H logo; yet has made little attempt to inform the public about the facts of the project. Show us a picture of what a rural residence looks like surrounded by 71 industrial turbines (499 foot tall), the laydown yard, O&M facility, switchyard, substation, and miles of transmission lines.

5) Federal Tax Credit Money

Warren Buffet said, "That's the only reason to build them (industrial wind towers). They don't make sense without the tax credit."

What is Scout's potential profit from US production tax credit money?

Wind energy is a production tax credit business in which foreign investment LLC's, using contracts with gag clauses, profit at our demise.

6) Human Health

Two households within the project are poised to experience shadow flicker of 45+ and 55+ hours/year. Many SD county zoning ordinances limit flicker to 30 hours/year.

Why would we entrust the health, safety and welfare of local residents to a foreign investment company that requires secret contracts with forever gag clauses that stymie truth, evidence and research?

Nina Pierpont, MD from Columbia University, says that turbines should not be within 1 1/2-2 miles of homes. "Governments and corporations who violate this principle are guilty of gross clinical harm. They are deliberately and aggressively harming people. This must stop. The evidence is overwhelming. I repeat, this must stop."

Thank you,

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