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Subject: Fwd: [EXT] RE EL20-013

Value the moment,

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From: BonnieP [REDACTED]
Date: June 11, 2020 at 11:03:25 AM CDT
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Just found out I had wrong address resending here again. Just spoke to Macy!

From: BonnieP [REDACTED]
Date: June 10, 2020 at 6:44:25 PM CDT
To: puc@stateofSD.us
Subject: RE EL20-013

Commissioners,

My name is Bonnie Ping. [REDACTED] my address is [REDACTED]
Highmore, SD 57345.

I live in Hyde County. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. I'm reaching out today asking you to require a safer setback distance of at least one mile between family homes and the 500' tall industrial wind towers that continue to invade Hyde County. Unfortunately our county commissioners have been compromised and seem to be self-

serving for their own personal gain at the expense of the rest of us. One Hyde County Commissioner had one of the biggest conflict of interest. He was on the subcommittee that established the setbacks, road haul agreements and decibel level tolerances. He was adamant from the beginning to have short setbacks. He has also entered in a contract with Engie/Infinity and is going to receive a nice revenue stream as a result. Shorter setbacks from a residence allowed him to achieve this. He should have recused himself. It was not right and most likely not legal.

The project has been misrepresented from day one. The maps and the public postings show the project labeled as in Holabird Township. The map shows the project in Bramhall Township? Which is accurate? I have come to discover Big Wind companies misrepresent non-participating land as part of the project to build a false narrative of total acres. They need to fix these mistakes and start over so the citizens of Hyde County have an opportunity to review the truth!

I got an easement for the trust land I am in charge of for my family, it was to allow a shorter distance from homes, I was told by the assessor it would apply to all the trust land. When I wanted another verification on this I was told neither the Assessor nor the County/State's atty could talk to me for fear they may be sued. My brother threatened them. This doesn't make sense to me that they cannot give us an interpretation. I can't ask the wind company for fear of being misinformed.

I recognize as long as there are tax subsidies sponsoring these projects there will continue to be an influx of them. However, I respectfully ask that you not rubber stamp the inadequate setback requests of French owned, Engie's Meridian project. Rural families are the ones living here, not them. In fact, I find it ironic that they are pushing for small setback distances when the country of France has a setback requirement of 1 mile between an occupied residence and a wind tower. That's just plain wrong!

The residents of the city of Highmore have been granted a comfortable, safe setback of 2 miles; I'm not out of line to ask for at least a one mile setback am I? Just because we live in rural Hyde county doesn't mean our families should be treated as "collateral damage" so a French owned company can reap the benefits of tax subsidies paid by you and I. I'm sure the project will move forward without the need for the safer buffer zone I'm requesting.

We are already compromising in a number of ways. It's my understanding the proposed maximum decibel level is 45. In the country we enjoy peaceful decibel levels of 10-15. Other major compromises we expect to endure are property value losses, the exposure of shadow flicker on our homes, exposure to the dangers of low frequency noise and infrasound. The opportunity to cherish starry nights as a result of strobe light pollution will be diminished. As you can see, we are being required to compromise whether we want to or not. I think it would be a noble, civil gesture if Engie and those who have signed up would recognize this, but they seem to look the other way.

Inadequate setbacks less than a mile infringe on the right to enjoy our property. Our safety, health, and well-fare are not being protected. My kids and grandkids will be subject to the altered landscape and the effects involved with this project for the rest of their lives. At least afford them the opportunity to be able to grow up on our farm with setbacks of at least a mile. Thank you for your time!

Bonnie Ping