

From: PUC

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To: [REDACTED]

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Ms. Porter,

Thank you for your message regarding the Meridian Wind project siting permit request that has been submitted to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, docket EL20-013.

I appreciate receiving your perspective as a rural landowner whose family would benefit financially from the project, if it is approved. As you relayed, your county and school district would also benefit if this project were approved and built.

My fellow commissioners and I base our decisions on whether or not to issue a permit on evidence presented via the docket review process, as required by law. The primary determination is whether or not the location, construction and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. These standards are provided by South Dakota Codified Laws and Administration Rules.

Your message and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in docket EL20-013, <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2020/EL20-013.aspx>. I encourage you to read the commission's Siting Guidelines document posted in the docket since it explains the processing of siting dockets such as this, <https://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2020/el20-013/sitinghandout.pdf>.

Thank you for your interest in this open docket and the commission.

Chairman Gary Hanson

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