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Anita Ratzlaff



Highmore SD 57345

Dear Ms. Ratzlaff,

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

I appreciate receiving your letter relaying your support of the proposed project, with perceived benefits to you and your family as landowners, and providing jobs and taxes in Hyde County.

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 Administrative Rules.

Your letter and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in docket EL20-013. I encourage you to read the commission's Siting Guidelines document enclosed since it explains the processing of siting dockets such as this. It is posted on the PUC's website home page and in this wind siting docket.

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

Sincerely,

Gary Hanson