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RE: In the Matter of the Application by Meridian Wind, LLC, for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility and a 345-kV Transmission Facility in Hyde County, South Dakota EL20-013
Our file: 7700

Dear Landowner:

On behalf of Meridian Wind, LLC, I am pleased to give you notice of an upcoming public input hearing convened by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to present a brief description of the project and at which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the application.

You are receiving this notice because you are the landowner of record for property within the affected area in Hyde County in South Dakota.

Pursuant to law, the Public Utilities Commission will hold a public meeting to take comments from the public. The meeting will be held by teleconference:

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. CDT, Number: 1 (866) 410-8397,
Conference Code: 3224480315#**

Meridian Wind, LLC, will present a short presentation designed to give context to the comments of the public regarding the proposal. The great bulk of the time will be reserved for accepting public comments on the proposal. You can learn more about the proposal by accessing a copy of the Application online at the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website:

<https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2020/EL20-013.aspx>

Under state law SDCL 49-41B, Meridian Wind, LLC, must have a permit from the PUC prior to beginning construction. Accordingly, the Public Utilities Commission will hold further formal proceedings concerning the application. You have the right to become a formal party. The formal hearing will be unlike the public meeting listed above and, instead, will be an adversary proceeding, at which the rules of evidence will be applied. Any formal party has the right to be present and to be represented by a lawyer. Any formal party could appeal from an adverse

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decision of the PUC to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court. Those rights would be forfeited if not exercised.

The date and place for that formal hearing has not yet been set. At that hearing, witnesses will provide sworn testimony and be examined by lawyers for the parties. Additionally, there will be intermediate steps taken prior to that hearing for the parties to prepare, including discovery in the form of written interrogatories and depositions.

You should also be aware that the PUC has a professional staff of lawyers and analysts and engineers to review the application, engage in discovery, and take evidence. The PUC staff acts in the interest of the public. The PUC staff may also contract with a number of outside expert witnesses. Those people will help staff review the application and will provide evidence to the Commissioners, on behalf of the public, including people like yourself. The cost of the staff's time and their expert witnesses is paid for by Meridian Wind, LLC, as required by law.

Additionally, we have filed copies of the Application with the Hyde County Auditor and the Application can be viewed there.

Thank you very much for your interest in this project.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Koenecke". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

BRETT KOENECKE

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Enclosure