

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF Brule)
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Cody Korzan, first being duly sworn on oath, states and alleges as follows:

I.

That Affiant lives four miles southeast of Kimball, South Dakota.

II.

That Affiant has been involved with the family hunting operation, Grand Slam Pheasant Hunts, for his entire life. The business was started in 1982 and construction started on the lodge in 1999. Affiant worked practically every day with his father, Curt Korzan, and his brother, Corbin Korzan. Affiant was involved in every aspect of the business, including construction, farming, marketing, guiding, personal relations, predator control.

III.

That Affiant and his family discussed problems observed in the operation of the business. In particular, they noticed a major decline in the pheasant population ever since wind turbines were put up 2½ miles east of the lodge. There was also a decline in the number of deer and ducks in the area. The changes were noticed within 6 months of the towers being up and operational.

IV.

That Affiant and his family noticed the pheasant hunting changed at the lodge as well. There was a huge loss in the number of birds on the property along with deer and ducks. A lot of trapping for predator control is done and numbers still decreased in the pheasant population.

V.

Affiant and his family observed a relationship between the distance from the turbines and the number of pheasants in the fields; some fields were more affected than others. The closer to the turbines, the higher the drop in the population of pheasants. In particular, the first piece of property purchased by Affiant's father was affected (Section 24, T103 N, R68W). Also, everything within 3/4 mile away (T103N, R67W).

VI.

Affiant and his family observed that birds were scared when near the turbines; it was as if someone would be driving by all the time. Even pheasants planted for customers acted this way.

VII.

Affiant and his family attempted to determine if other variables explained the decrease in the bird populations in the affected fields. They looked at predators, but numerous traps were set up on the grounds. There is a small probability it has to do with farming, but farming practices are the same on all ground owned and Affiant's and his family had never experienced this type of decline in bird numbers ever.

VIII.

That Marlin Dart, who was at the time working with South Dakota State University, did a predator study. He observed, recorded, and researched the number of predators on our property.

IX.

That the hunting sites not near turbines were doing well.

X.

That the first piece of property purchased by Affiant's father was sold as it was no longer able to be used for hunting.

XI.

On July 21, 2022, Affiant was custom harvesting wheat for the person who purchased the land his family sold, mentioned above. While running equipment Affiant had a good vantage for seeing pheasants. There was one pheasant present on the property even though it is in a good location for birds. Affiant then moved to another field further away from the wind turbines. This land is similar and Affiant counted 40 pheasants.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


CODY KORZAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 25 day of July, 2022.


Notary Public

