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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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RE: Docket EL21-018 North Bend Wind Farm Project

PUC Commissioners:

Per Commissioner Fiegen's request during the PUC meeting on 11 August 2021, I have listed the following proposed locations of Industrial Wind Towers (IWT) that will have a significant economic and social impact on our established upland bird hunting lodge (Tumbleweed Lodge) and farm operations (Bollweg Farms).

Exhibit 1 shows the outline of each of our preserves. Tumbleweed Lodge North (TWL N) consists of 2400 acres. Proposed towers 06, 08, 09, 14, 19, and 20 directly impact TWL N via shadow flicker, noise, and loss of aesthetics.

Exhibit 1 also shows two quarters of land that have multiple tower locations extremely close to their borders, eliminating the ability to safely and effectively apply crop protection products via aerial application from any direction:

SW ¼ Section 11 – 111-74 (160 acres): Proposed IWT location 08 is to the north, 15 to the east, 22 to the south and 14 to the west.

NE ¼ Section 10 – 111-74 (160 acres): Proposed IWT locations 08 and 09 are to the east and location 14 and 21 are to the south.

In order to at least be able to utilize an aerial applicator in an east/west flight pattern on both quarters, proposed locations 08, 09, 14, and 15 need to be removed from consideration. Once these four locations would be removed, locations 21 and 22 would not have an impact.

As I mentioned in the PUC meeting last night, Engie representatives conceded during a Hughes county commissioner meeting shadow flicker and noise are negative effects directly associated wind turbines. Their Indemnity clause echoes these concerns by requiring landowners to waive claims against them for damage or injury directly suffered as a result of any audible, electromagnetic noise or shadow flicker to name a few. The same clause also supports my argument view shed has value or they wouldn't include visual impacts. My family operation, staff, and guests that we entertain should not be exposed.

In summary, the greatest negative impacts on our entire operation are proposed towers 06, 08, 09, 14, and 15. These would be my highest priority to have removed from consideration. The next level of negative impact would derive from proposed locations 19 and 20.

I am confident the PUC and Engie would recognize this as an equitable solution. Engie has already stated they are only pursuing the building of 71 of the 78 proposed locations; leaving 7 locations to be withdrawn.

If you have any questions please give me a call. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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North Bend Wind Project

06/04/2021

Legend

Turbine Locations



New Entrance



Intersection Modification & Improvement



Potential County Roads



Gravel Road Upgrades



Access Roads



Crane Path - *ACROSS OUR PROPERTY*



Township & Range



County



EXHIBIT 2

Project Location



