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Hughes and Hyde County Landowners

RE: In the Matter of the Application by North Bend Wind Project, LLC for a Permit to Construct and Operate the North Bend Wind Project in Hyde County and Hughes County, South Dakota.
PUC Docket: EL21-018
MAGT File: 7900

Dear Folks:

On behalf of North Bend Wind Farm, 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 in 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 Hughes County or 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:

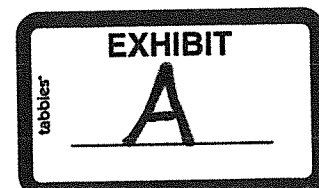
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. at the Capitol Lake Visitor Center,
Pierre, South Dakota.**

North Bend Wind Farm, 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/2021/EL21-018.aspx>

Under state law, (SDCL 49-41B) North Bend Wind Farm, LLC, must have a permit from the PUC prior to beginning construction. Accordingly, the Public Utilities Commission will hold

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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 decision of the PUC to 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, 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 North Bend Wind Farm, LLC, as required by law.

Additionally, we have filed copies of the Application with the Hughes County Auditor and 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 style with a large initial 'B'.

BRETT KOENECKE

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Enclosure