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Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:53 PM

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Subject: EL21-018

Mr. Bollweg,

Thank you for your letter regarding the North Bend Wind siting permit request, docket <u>EL21-018</u>. My fellow commissioners and I base our decisions on evidence as required by law and filed in the docket. The primary determination in a siting docket is whether or not the location, construction and operation of the project's facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. The standards with which to make these determinations are set forth in South Dakota's Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Your message and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the EL21-018 docket. The <u>Siting Guide</u> posted in the docket helps explain the commission's processing of siting dockets such as this.

I appreciate hearing your concerns about this siting permit request. I want you to be aware of the public input meeting on the project's siting application to be held at 6:30 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Capitol Lake Visitors Center, 650 E. Capitol Ave., in Pierre.

Chris Nelson, Chairman South Dakota Public Utilities Commission PUC.sd.gov