

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**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**

EL21-018

TESTIMONY OF

TONJA JESSEN

ON BEHALF OF

NORTH BEND WIND PROJECT, LLC

September 30, 2022

1 **Q. Please state your name and address for the record.**

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3 **A.** Tonja Jessen
4 20220 324th Ave
5 Harrold, South Dakota 57345-6603
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7 **Q. Are you a landowner in the North Bend Wind Project?**

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9 **A.** Yes; I am.

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11 **Q. Have you signed an agreement with the Project to have wind towers on your property?**

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14 **A.** Yes; I have.

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16 **Q. What does participating in North Bend Wind Farm Project mean to you?**

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18 **A.** It means a chance to participate directly in the electricity generation economy. It means
19 economic freedom and security for me and my family. Finally, it means a chance to help
20 our neighborhood, county, and school district achieve financial goals made possible by
21 the Wind Farm. An additional benefit is that my taxes will not need to increase as much
22 because there is help paying for the necessities of government because an additional
23 major taxpayer is helping fund government and schools.
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25 **Q. Are you involved in production agriculture?**

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27 **A.** Yes; I am.

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29 **Q. Do you spray your property for noxious weeds and pests?**

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31 **A.** Yes. In my view controlling noxious weeds and pests is really essential if you want to
32 run a farm or ranch operations profitably and sustainably.
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34 **Q. How do you spray your property now?**

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36 **A.** We currently use both ground and aerial application for pests and noxious weeds. The
37 combination works well for us, and the ground application covers any small area that we
38 can't get aerial application into.
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40 **Q. How do you intend to spray your property in the future?**

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42 **A.** We have no plans to change from what works for us now. We'll continue using both
43 ground and aerial application for pests and noxious weeds in the future.
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1 **Q. Do you feel limited in your ability to spray your property for noxious weeds and**
2 **pests given your participation in the Wind Farm Project?**

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4 **A.** Absolutely not. I don't have any concern about needing to change our spraying plans
5 once the Wind Farm Project is up and running. I don't see a reason to think what works
6 for us now won't continue to work for us going forward.

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9 Dated this 30th day of September, 2022.

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12 */s/ Tonja Jessen*
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14 Tonja Jessen