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My name is Arlen Mehrt. I live in Eastern Hughes County within the North Send project.

I think that the project should be constructed.

We should all remember the power outages in Texas last winter and the problems they caused.

With the way the political atmosphere is with one party promoting one agenda and the other party promoting another agenda, we end up having energy construction promoted and then halted. If we are not careful, we could have rolling blackouts summer and winter across the whole nation.

The need for energy is always increasing. If we ~~are~~ keep stopping companies from developing energy, they will eventually give up and we will be the big loser.

There has been considerable environmental studies done in our area. I talked to many of the people doing the studies and they were very professional and dedicated to what they were doing.

If ~~we~~ let this moment pass, and down the line our power is interrupted, we cannot turn a switch on and solve it without energy construction.

We have a major company and 90% of the landowners that want the project to go through.

We landowners do not take this lightly in our area. My family has lived there since 1927 and almost all of my neighbors have lived there since the 1950's, some in the 40's, the 20's, the 10's, some around 1900 and even some neighbors since, I believe, 1883.

Please don't let this opportunity pass.
Thank you.