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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 10:13 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Regarding PUC Docket # EL24-023 / South Deuel Wind Project

Dear PUC staff and commissioners,

I've participated in the South Deuel Wind Project for years. The Lake Cochrane/Lake Park District setback requirements set by the county in 2017, already had significant input from the community and were set with that input in mind. This setback has greatly affected the northeast area of the project where my land is located. Some turbines were already removed from the project as a result of this setback. However, the current turbines sited on and around my land (specifically turbines 21, 22, and 49) meet those requirements and were approved by the County in 2023.

The FAA will conduct their review of these turbines to determine any potential hazards. Outside of these official agencies, I don't want other people to have control over what I do with my land, especially since their concerns and considerations have already been taken into account when they were given a generous 3+ mile setback by the County.

The South Deuel Wind Project has many benefits for the community including economic investment that will help local schools and infrastructure, local construction jobs, long term operations jobs, and a means for landowners to continue supporting their families through the unpredictability of farming. The project is a great thing for Deuel County.

For the above reasons, I request that the PUC approve these turbines and the South Deuel Wind Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

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