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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
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Subject: [EXT] Regarding PUC Docket #EL24-023/South Deuel Wind Project

Dear PUC staff and commissioners,

I am the trustee for the H. Dale and Lorraine M. Grondahl Trust. My parents owned land in Deuel County which is now in this Trust. Prior to their passing, they whole heartedly supported the development of wind energy projects in Deuel County. They believed that wind energy was and is critical to providing energy for not only for the county, but reaches beyond the local area.

My father was 91 years old when he passed. It was his dream to see the turbines turning and hoped that there would be one turning on his land before he died. While a resident of Buffalo, Minnesota, he traveled to Clear Lake to attend meetings concerning the wind project development, zoning board and county commissioners meetings in support of the project. He proudly wore his Invenergy hat wherever he went to show support for and promote wind energy.

Since his passing, I, as the representative for the Trust and my siblings continue to support the wind energy projects, in particular the South Deuel project where the Trust land is located. The traditional understanding for farming includes planting and harvesting crops of beans, corn, small grain etc.; grazing of cattle, sheep and so on. In Deuel County the opportunity to harvest the wind is another way that farmers and landowners could use their land to supplement their income while providing a electricity for many other people. Harvesting the wind is another avenue to not only support landowners, but monetary resources for county projects, schools, and communities. It brings jobs to the area during the construction phase and permanent jobs once the project is up and running.

There maybe small groups or individuals that oppose the forward progress of the wind project and that is their right. While some may live in the county many are seasonal are not dependent on the land and jobs in the county for their livelihood and they are in the minority. They already have had opportunity to express their opinions at Zoning Board meetings and County Commissioners meetings. These elected officials weighed the input and determined that this was an opportunity that would benefit the majority of the county. After studies were completed, the application for continuing with the South Deuel Wind Project was also approved. Along with these appointed and elected representatives, there is a greater number of landowners and community members who are in the **majority** and are eager to see the windfarm proceed.

Please support the landowners and people of Deuel County by supporting the South Deuel Wind Project. Wind energy is an important component for providing energy needs now and for future generations. To have the state of South Dakota as a leader in Wind Energy is a boon for the State.

Thank you for your work to make sound decisions based on what is best for the majority.

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