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Subject: [EXT] EL 24-023 Deuel Harvest Energy South

I live and have turbines in the North Deuel Harvest Energy Farm. Nothing is perfect in the world whether a wind farm, a highway project, or any construction. The construction phase of a project is the most stressful. However, when you weigh the benefits of these projects it make the construction phase seem minor. It has put more dollars in our community, Deuel School added on a new gym, Industrial Arts, AG, cafeteria and Class rooms that was funded partially with wind tower funds. Invenergy has committed \$30,000 annually to Deuel School for Scholarships and contributes to the Deuel County Crisis Fund which neither of these organizations would be in existence today if not for tower and participants money. Also, our county and townships receive extra tax dollars that allow better services and softens the impact of real estate taxes which is always a complaint. I enjoy the better roads and tower roads that came with the northern project as I no longer have to rely on a neighbors land to get me to a field in the spring. I have not experienced any of the negative things that people claim about them and do not think we will.

Thank You

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