Public Utilities Commission
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To Whom This Will Concern:

Several years ago Invenergy advanced the number of turbines in Deuel County. We were given a ride by a local farmer through a corn field which had 2-3 turbines. It was an unbelievable MAZE.!! We knew then we did not want turbines on our land, and not even in Deuel County, where we grew up and now spend 4-6 months every year. Now they want more turbines.

I read a book, "Paradise Lost" by Gregg Huber, about the effect of turbines on wildlife and people in the area. Our president elect does not like wind turbines, calling those areas "a graveyard"! They kill birds and wildlife. The noise and shadows affect people causing some to move from their homes, due to effects on brains and nerves. They alter a farmer's work on the fields.

The energy is sent miles away to other communities with no benefit to local residents. They are not an efficient source of energy. Recently we noticed oil dripping down the turbine, and the farmer said the turbine people just add more oil as the only maintenance. Night time red lights were off on many turbines one night! You have heard of air flight accidents due to turbines!?

You must agree turbines spoil the visual landscape! The energy is not consistent as they depend on the weather. They require transmission, so that means more elements on the land. The turbine's life span is 20-30 years. Then what?! They don't decompose! Where will the turbines fill the landfills; who will pay for that, and what entity will do the work?

There are already too many wind turbines in Deuel County; we don't want any more! Our beautiful landscape will be gone! Please consider, read "Paradise Lost", and listen to those who live in Deuel County, rather than "let money talk"!

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