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Please see the attached letter as public comment on EL 24-023 Deuel Harvest Energy South.

Thank you!

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Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1st Floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
Re: EL 24-023 Deuel Harvest Energy South

To the Public Utilities Commissioners:

We are writing to ask you to designate turbine 39 of the Deuel Harvest Energy South project as “no-build”, as recommended by recent filed testimony by Mr. David Hessler.

We reside on the southeast edge of the proposed project, designated as non-participating residence R-205. First, we would like to thank the commission for their diligence in soliciting the expert review of Mr. David Hessler of Hessler Associates, Inc. We reviewed Mr. Hessler’s testimony evaluating the noise study completed by Michael Hankard on behalf of Invenergy.

In Mr. Hessler’s submitted testimony, he reviewed the cumulative sound impact, examining the noise from the existing wind towers in this area and the addition of these new turbines proposed under the project. Using the cumulative model, our property would have a sound level above the 45 dBA regulatory limit. To address this, Mr. Hessler indicates on p. 6, lines 7 to 10 that three turbines (sites 39, 89, and H) should be designated as “no-build sites”, which would address the sound overages.

We also reviewed the rebuttal testimony of Mr. Hankard, who acknowledges on p. 5, lines 110 to 117 that the cumulative noise impact of turbine 39 would raise the sound level over the regulatory limit of 45 dBA for both our property, R-205, and a neighboring property, R-171. His testimony indicates that this regulation should simply be adjusted to a higher level to allow for the turbine to be built – which would establish a precedent that the regulation levels are mere suggestions.

Given this added information on the sound impact, we would like the PUC to require Invenergy to designate turbine 39 as a “no-build” to minimize an increase in the noise we already experience from the existing wind towers. Furthermore, we request reassessment of turbine 40, as this will likely have considerable impact on noise for both our residence and our neighbors.

Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,  
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