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

PUC Commissioners

I am writing with my opinion on Docket # EL24-023 Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South LLC - South Deuel Wind Project.

I am wholeheartedly AGAINST this project.

First, there are many people who have moved to the country to be able to escape the chaos. They moved there to see the open sky and find peace. I already lost that with the last project that was put in south of our place. I look out the windows at night and all I see are flashing red lights. The thought of more towers being built has caused me to have an extreme increase in anxiety and we have already started the discussion of potentially moving if this project goes forward.

Second, previous to the last project that was built on the south end of Deuel County they had redone SD Hwy 15. It was nice for a few months. The traffic and weight from the last wind towers that were put in destroyed the road. The state is currently doing a major overhaul on our highway. These towers come in and the road will more than likely be destroyed again. How many millions of dollars are being wasted and who is going to fix the road this time?

Third, unfortunately our county is starting to look terrible. We already have so many wind turbines in our county the addition of this many more is going to decrease the value of our homes. Who wants to move into a home surrounded by wind turbines? I did not sign on for it and I can't imagine others will want to move here either. While the farmers who are having these turbines placed on their land are bringing in money, those of us with small acreages that moved here for peace are getting nothing but a decrease in our property value and the removal of the one thing we came looking for - tranquility.

Four, as a hunter, I have hunted all around this county. I can tell you patterns of animals have already been altered. We have land just to the west of us that homes many geese as they migrate south. We can hear them through our tree belt. They will be flying right into the turbines. Turkey patterns have shifted. Deer patterns have shifted. Our diversity in land from grasses, to wetlands, to pastures provides great habitat for many species. All have been affected by what has already been put into place in this county. More wind turbines is going to cause them harm and lack of areas to migrate to.

Many are looking at the dollars - I am looking at the people and the animals that live here, who are just wanting a peaceful life.

For example, to have a home surrounded by 3 wind turbines like the gal who spoke at the meeting, where are her rights? What damage is being done to her life? Does that matter? We have surpassed the number of wind turbines this county can tolerate. I hear from a lot of people where I work. The majority do not want to see anymore wind turbines being put up. Please think long and hard about what this means. I know you have guideline you must follow. This information impacts those guidelines.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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