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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:21 PM  
**To:** PUC-PUC <[PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us)>  
**Subject:** [EXT] Regarding PUC Docket #EL24-023/South Wind Project

Dear PUC Staff and Commissioners,

We are landowners and residents of the South Deuel Wind Project. We have farmed in Deuel County for over 40 years and are tax paying citizens. We have contributed to the community and supported our local businesses during our years as residents. Turbines 22 and 49 are proposed to be on our property, and they would be a welcome resource of revenue for our farming operation. We as landowners would appreciate this revenue and Deuel County economics would benefit also. Please support us as landowners and the people of Deuel County by being behind the South Deuel Wind Project.

When the Lake Cochrane people wanted the Brookings-Deuel Rural Water to install more water pipelines so the residents of Lake Cochrane could have access to clean water for the new development around Lake Cochrane and the land across the road from Lake Cochrane, we supported them. We gave permission for Brookings-Deuel Water to cut across our land and our planted crops with the new pipeline. We could have said NO but we said YES as we knew the importance of clean water for the residents of Lake Cochrane was a great need. We are asking the Lake Cochrane Improvement Association to not oppose our wind towers as we approved their water project. It is our land and they do not have the right to designate how we should use it. Our wind towers will not affect their landing on Lake Cochrane with their sea planes at all!

The internet is full of information and the amazing fact I found out is that an average sea plane take 700 meters (.430 miles) to land or take off from a lake. So our 3-mile and 1,000 feet setback is plenty of distance for their activity in aviation. Also as you travel around Lake Cochrane you will notice on the west side of the lake there are lots of huge electric power lines that run quite a distance and they are only ½ mile from the lake. Isn't this considered a hazard to the sea planes and to the aviation people. These are the facts, and someone is not getting the correct information. We are hoping you reconsider in taking out our two wind towers.

For the above reasons, we request that the PUC approve these turbines and the South Deuel Wind Project. Thank You for the oppportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Linda and Eugene Van Dyke, [REDACTED], Gary, SD 57237, e-mail: [REDACTED] Please respond when you receive this. Thank You!