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Subject: [EXT] EL24-023 Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South LLC

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Public Utilities Commission

Capitol Building, 1st Floor

500 E. Capitol Ave.

Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: EL24-023 Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South LLC

To Whom it May Concern:

We strongly oppose any further advancement of the South Deuel Wind Project, specifically EL24-023 - In the Matter of the Application by Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South LLC for Energy Facility Permits of a Wind Energy Facility and a 345-kV Transmission Facility in Deuel County, South Dakota, for the South Deuel Wind Project.

We are firmly against additional construction of wind turbines in our area, and all areas for that matter. We have watched our beautiful scenery quickly deteriorate with these hideous eyesores. Some regions have such a high concentration of these monstrosities in such a small radius it is quite disturbing. They are also detrimental to our bird population and generate a considerable amount of noise pollution. So much damage has already been done. It would be a welcomed change to see them permanently removed.

These turbines are not as simple as they are portrayed. Turbines and generation sites are often located far from heavily populated areas where electricity is needed. Therefore, transmission lines are an additional piece of infrastructure that must be built for this form of energy generation to be successful. Further, wind energy isn't always available for dispatch in times of peak electricity demand. In order to use wind energy exclusively, wind turbines need to be paired with some sort of energy storage technology.

We have survived centuries without wind turbines. It seems the only supporters of these ugly towers dotting our landscape are the carpet bagger companies building them who have no respect for our land, as well as the farmers and landowners whose pockets they are filling. They have sold out for the almighty dollar with no respect for future generations. This is all in the name of greed. Additionally, the majority of jobs created by these projects only benefit out of state construction workers. Maintenance positions would be minimal at best.

Please accept our opposition to the project.

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