

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
RE: PUC Docket #EL 24-023/South Dakota Deuel Wind Project
RE: PUC staff and Commissioners

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear PUC staff and commissioners,

I support the South Deuel Wind Project for the following reasons and request that the PUC approve the project's application. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

My name is Bill Jordt, I reside at [REDACTED], Westfield, Iowa 51062. My wife's family owns property in the South Deuel Wind Project through the Harvey Dale and Lorraine Grondahl Trust. My in-laws, Dale and Lorraine Grondahl, have been involved in the wind turbine project since about 2010. They were hoping to see a turbine operating and producing electricity. Unfortunately, they both passed before the project was completed.

I supported my in-laws in achieving their goal. They saw the advantage of receiving additional income from their property by harvesting the wind. As for most landowners, receiving income from the property is important. When landowners realize income from their property they contribute to the local tax base and spend some of the income in the local economy.

I did some additional research on wind turbines in Iowa. I obtained the information from U.S. Energy Information Administration that there are over 6,000 operating wind turbines in the state of Iowa.

Here is additional information from the Iowa Environmental Council:

*Iowa Wind Energy FACT Sheet June 2022 wind turbines were producing 57% of energy.

*directly employed 3953 Iowans in 2020 including manufacturing, operations and maintenance.

*wind energy accounts for at least \$22 billion in capital investment in Iowa

*wind turbines generate \$67 million annually in lease payments to landowners

*wind projects contribute approximately \$57 million in tax revenue in 2021

*3 examples of 2016 county tax revenue for wind Adair county received \$5.9 million, Cass county received \$2.7 million and Franklin county received \$3 million.

This revenue supported schools, roads and bridges, hospitals and more. It is no doubt that wind farms in South Dakota are and will be an important component of prosperity for landowners, the business communities, schools, improvements of infrastructure in rural areas and towns.

So in closing, I just want to comment that most landowners are in the business of producing income from their property. That is how our economy works. So when an opportunity presents itself that a company like Invenergy is willing to invest their resources in the South Deuel Wind Project, I feel it is advantageous to the community and State PUC to proceed with the project. I have attended several meetings and I am satisfied Invenergy has done their due diligence and are ready to expand their operation in South Deuel county.

Sincerely,



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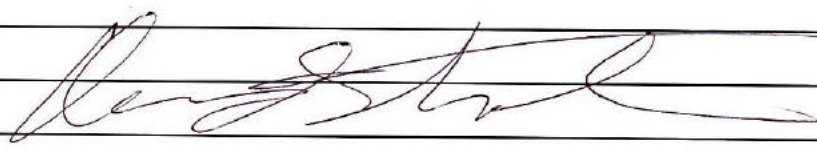
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In re energy
Supports local projects
Creates jobs
Adds significantly to tax base for schools etc
Green energy - no pollution
Reduces dependency on foreign oil



Sincerely,

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The additional revenue from our enrollment will help make our payment on the farm we purchased.

As a school board member in the school district of Deuel, we would receive an estimated tax revenue over \$12 million. This revenue due to recent legislation has allowed and would allow us to fund our recent building project which cost the district just over \$14 million. This project's tax revenue along with three other projects would total approximately \$6.7 million covering almost half of the \$14 million project. The wind tax revenue would also help reduce the levies on property helping all tax payers in the district. If you have any questions regarding how beneficial this tax revenue is to the Deuel School District please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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