

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: PUC Docket # EL24-023 / South Deuel Wind Project

**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.

I own land and live in Deuel County, SD. I am very much in favor of the wind towers. I understand I will be getting one to the south and west of Lake Cochrane. I understand that the Lake Cochrane Development Association is opposing towers to the west of lake Cochrane. I know they received their 3-mile setback for all towers in the area.

They are saying the wind towers to the west are an obstruction for a sea plane to land. This is absolutely ridiculous! They have plenty of room to land a sea plane. They are better off landing from the south as the Lake is elongated from the south to the north more than from the west. They also can land a plane from the north and the east direction.

I believe the wind towers would be a good source of income for us farmers. They will creat jobs, support the local economy, keep land in our family and provide much needed electricity for more American families.

The wind towers that they are opposing to the west are way past the 3-mile setback that has already been granted to the Lake Cochrane Development Association.

So please vote in favor of these wind towers to the west. Thank You for your time concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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