

RE: Toronto Power Plant - EL25-028

Dear PUC Members

My name is Sheila Monnier, I also spoke at the recent project update in Toronto. My husband and I live on his family farm at [REDACTED], Brandt SD 57218. This farm has been in his family since 1941 and is 1 mile North of the proposed site of this project. Our son and his family, our 3 grandchildren live between our farm site and the proposed site. We are strongly opposed to this project.

As I stated that night how can you put a value on our way of life? We chose to build this legacy of farm life for our 4 children and 6 grandchildren. This should be a safe environment for them to live and grow up on. How can you tell us that something like this is "safe" how do we know the hidden effects that long term exposure to this site won't harm our family and neighbors. Would you be comfortable living in close proximity to this project?

I am an AEMT for Deuel County Ambulance and my husband is on the Fire Department. We enjoy serving our communities, but we also know that our first responders do not have the resources or training that it would require to handle a large scale event if something should occur.

Many have spoken on the Astoria site and the sound that we hear, not to mention the wind turbines that we also hear. You add this on top of them, how much more noise will we endure? All of these "projects" affect our way of life. What's next? WE feel like we are not being represented fairly by our County Commissioners, which we understand is something we can change by our votes, but at this point it is probably too late. We are not being heard! Enough is Enough!

Deuel County has been a rural farming community, Toronto, Brandt and Astoria are small communities with populations of less than 200 each. We are a farming community, and we like it that way. This is our peaceful way of life. We shouldn't have to continually fight for our wellbeing.

We are also concerned about the wildlife that we enjoy seeing such as Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, Cranes, Geese, Ducks, Pheasants, Turkeys and Deer just to name a few. This is a beautiful area that would be marred by a large, industrialized site.

We encourage you to do the right thing and hear our concerns and listen to the voices of those who live in Southern Deuel County. Please stop this project.

Sheila and Bryon Monnier

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