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Subject: [EXT] Dual unit, natural gas turbine proposed development near Toronto, SD

Dear Commissioners: Hanson, Nelson & Fiegan,

I had the pleasure of attending the public hearing in Toronto, SD last evening and wanted to share my professional comments to the commission as prescribed in the presentation.

As an advocate of logical growth in SD to help retain and attract new business, industry and the quality tech jobs that follow both in construction and long term operations, I want to thank you for the leadership to provide for growing energy needs to sustain our States competitiveness.

Regions, States, communities either grow or wither. No in between. Energy drove this country to its competitive position in manufacturing and will sustain this Constitutional Republic into the next century with jobs that will retain and attract our youth to South Dakota.

As a land developer for over 38 years in both public and private sector businesses partnerships, the Toronto facility will be a great asset as we grow with our competitive advantages. The model was set when the high-pressure NG pipeline and high voltage transmission delivery lines intersected north of Toronto. I applaud you for seeing the opportunity to capitalize on the infrastructure investment the PSA has approved in our past.

Don't cave in now. Please approve this opportunity.

Speaking for our investors, our business community and the services Watertown/Codington Co can provide to support the construction and operations of this energy project (& the jobs that will result from the energy point source) let me say we wholeheartedly support this investment under current conditions.

Please let me know if we can provide any assistance in your project and the resulting development that occurred post project approvals.

Best regards,



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