

Comments on Toronto, SD proposed power plant.

My name is Christopher Monnier and I am NOT in favor of the proposed power plant. I spend my time split between where I live (NE of Astoria) and my parents farm (NE of Toronto) working throughout the day. This proposed power plant is 1 mile south of my parents' farm. For starters we can hear the already up and running power plant near Astoria at both places. It is a constant noise that sounds like a vehicle coming down the road, a roar if you will. My parent's place is 3 miles away from that as the crow fly's northwest of there and my place is about 2.5 miles Northeast of it. I saw last fall the "sound test" they conducted across the road from my brother's place. They put the mic down in the low part of the field, next to the neighbor's trees. I don't have a degree in how sound should travel, but I'm pretty sure when you have a big hill blocking the sound waves I'm sure they don't just magically end up down where the mic was. The next issue I have is with the wildlife we have around here. Again, I spend a lot of time going between the two places everyday, and I see it all. We have bald eagles, golden eagles, cranes, geese, ducks, pheasants, turkeys, white tail deer, the list can go on and on, but all of which I've seen on that land where this site is being proposed.

This is an agricultural community, not an industrial park. This does nothing for our county or the people of it. We obviously have wind towers here and at least the land owners get paid for that, and for the most part, the local landowners are putting that money right back in to our local economy. The legislature took the tax dollars from those and put that into the general fund, so now they really aren't as big of a benefit as to how they were sold to our community.

I feel this is just another ploy to get something set up around here for something bigger again, like say a data center. One side says they aren't connected, but the other says that this could be beneficial to power it. Shocker.

Do the right thing and take the community's thoughts and suggestions in to consideration. I haven't been to a meeting for anything that has been rammed down our throats in the last 3 years in this community that anyone was in favor of the projects except for people they brought in to make it sound good.

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