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I am writing to express my concerns and objections to what is going on in Deuel County. After living here for nearly all my life, we are considering moving from South Dakota. After running a manufacturing plant with 180 employees, it is my belief that our elected officials are not listening to the concerns of the tax paying citizens. We have an energy company wanting to place 4 large generators near Toronto, we have another company wanting to build a 765KV power line across the full length of the county, we have a munitions company currently building a new facility to make detonating devices within a mile and a half from our home that we built 45 years ago, we wake up every work day at 4:30 due to a corn flaking plants high pitch noise going thru our home, we have many wind towers that will be obsolete in fifteen years with questions about what will happen to them after that, if the generators are approved, the number of wind towers will certainly go up. My brothers and I own a quarter of land just into Grant county and have had different companies wanting to put towers on our land, the answer was NO. With all this happening and all these companies claiming the benefits they will provide to Deuel citizens, my property taxes increased 33% to over \$4,000. Is the PUC going to audit all these companies to make sure they are actually providing everything they say? I would like a written response from the PUC or will be publishing these comments in all the newspapers in South Dakota.

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