

From: PUC

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To: 'Debbie Hanrahan' [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [EXT] Philip Wind Partners docket EL25-029

Ms. Delbridge:

Thank you for attending the public input meeting in Philip regarding the proposed Philip Wind Project. We appreciate your engagement and thoughtful participation in this important process.

The full docket for this project, [EL25-029](#) - *In the Matter of the Application by Philip Wind Partners, LLC, for Energy Facility Permits for a Wind Energy Facility and a 230 kV Transmission Facility in Haakon County, South Dakota (Philip Wind Project)*, was opened on August 15, 2025, and is available on the PUC's website.

We also appreciate your follow-up comments, which clearly articulated your concerns about potential soil disturbance, blade toxicity, water resource contamination, and impacts on local bird and wildlife populations. You also raised important questions regarding future land values, the sale of energy generated by the project, and the specific turbine models proposed. Additionally, your concerns about absentee landownership and the visual impact of the facility on nearby residents were noted.

These are all significant issues that the Commission and PUC staff will carefully consider as we conduct a thorough review and investigation of this docket. For your reference, the PUC's [Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities Siting Guide](#), available on our website and accessible through the online docket, provides a helpful overview of the permitting process for wind energy facilities in South Dakota.

Informal public comments such as yours are reviewed and considered by the Commission and staff and are posted under "Comments and Responses" section of the public docket.

We encourage you to continue following the docket as additional information is submitted and made available by the parties involved.

Gary Hanson, Chairman

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