

Dear SD PUC Commissioners,

As a concerned property owner in Haakon County, I am writing regarding the Philip Wind Project (EL25-029). Although my property is not located near this project, I am troubled by the application for this project. Philip Wind Partners, LLC indicates in the application the distances it will avoid siting turbines in relation to whooping crane habitat, prairie dog colonies, grouse and prairie chicken leks, and bald eagle nests. While I am concerned with the impact wind energy systems have on wildlife, my biggest fear is the possible impacts on human health. The application does address noise and shadow flicker, but Philip Wind Partners, LLC only indicated it would follow the state law as far as setbacks from property lines. I want human beings to be prioritized over wildlife and given greater setbacks to avoid the impacts the wind energy system can have on the health of people living and working near the Philip Wind Project.

Everyone's health and body's reactions to their environment is different. We all know someone who has had a common illness or exposure that affects them differently than others. Therefore, no one can say without a doubt that just because the noise or frequency emitted by a wind energy system doesn't affect them, doesn't mean those same things won't cause harm to another human being. Various ailments have been caused by wind energy systems including: headaches, sleep deprivation, ear ringing, nausea, blurred vision, and many others. It is crucial that we recognize there is no way to fully know the impact turbines might have on individuals living and working in the area. It would be best to error on the side of caution when determining safe setbacks from homes. I strongly feel the Philip Wind Project should not be granted a permit if it will affect peoples' ability to live safe and healthy lives.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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