

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

I am a western South Dakotan and have lived on the prairie most of my life and I am against this Philip Windtower Project. I encourage those landowners to fund their own renewable energy projects which would not affect the environment or neighbors with huge disadvantages.

It is my understanding that the energy produced will not even be used here. Our tax dollars will fund the large payments to these landowners and tax breaks that fund this large company. The eagerness of landowners to invite this project to receive lease payments is disappointing given that most of them do not reside close to the proposed construction sites.

All the reports, studies, surveys, analysis, assessments, etc. only consider what they are looking for. Our prairie may look harsh and empty but it is an incredibly delicate ecosystem.

This project is invasive to our space on the ground and in the sky. No amount of money should be able to pollute our area, ground and beautiful night sky!

What may seem resilient is in truth fragile and once disturbed there is no going back. Native species here are deeply tied to the rhythm of this land. Turbines and roads don't just change the skyline they bring a predatory presence into our landscape that's defined by balance and open space.

The no significant impact finding?? Common sense tells us there would be irreversible damage. This is not progress our area needs and I am against it!

May you consider this information and deny the permit to the Philip Wind Partners.

Sincerely

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