



**GREAT PLAINS LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
LABORERS' LOCAL 620**

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission,

My name is Zane Bruns, I am Organizer/Field Rep. of Laborers' Local 620, which represents hundreds of construction workers in South Dakota. Members of Local 620 build all forms of infrastructure including roads, bridges, public buildings, private businesses, and all types of (renewable) energy production facilities across the Midwest. We, the members, and staff of Local 620, are writing to inform you of our support for the proposed Philip Wind Energy Center project and are asking you to approve its permit for construction.

Over the years LIUNA members in South Dakota have played a significant role in the expansion of renewable energy projects and their supporting infrastructure. Often, these jobs offer the highest pay scales and benefits that help our families and the communities in which we live. Whether it is the tax revenue generated by the project itself or the revenue provided by local workers who live and do business in the area, these projects matter and are crucial to union construction workers.

Invenenergy is proposing to construct the Philip Wind Energy Center in Northwest South Dakota, in Haakon County. Estimated total economic investment of at least \$130 million with up to 12 full-time jobs created upon completion of construction. During construction, it is estimated to create upwards of 200 construction jobs with the end goal of constructing 300 megawatts of clean power generation- powering more than 121,000 American homes annually.

In closing, we want to remind you that everyday our members are literally building the next generation of South Dakota/American infrastructure. Simply

put, our members have the best training programs in the construction industry that prepare them to build anything put in front of them and the on-the-job experience to prove it. Therefore, we are renewing our request for you to approve the permitting of the Philip Wind Energy Center so that our members can get to doing what they do best- building the next generation of infrastructure in the great State of South Dakota.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, on behalf of the members of Laborers Local 620,

Zane Bruns

Organizer/Field Rep.- LIUNA Local 620.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota.