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Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:21 PM
To: Atyeo-Gortmaker, Krista
Subject: Fw: [EXT] pics/post meeting overview...please read

From: jdredlin@sstel.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 8:36 PM
To: [Reiss, Amanda](#)
Subject: Re: pics

Thank-you. Last night's meeting gave me the impression that the necessary steps are simply being followed, but that as long as the turbines are not near any of the decision makers properties, they were mostly concerned about not ruining the wind companies plans with further set backs. I wonder how a mile from Lake Kampeska, or from Watertown city limits would go over? A lot of information was handed over to the Board, as well as several requests to take more time in researching the info before accepting the application with current set backs in place. This was not what they chose to do.

Also, I think it was Mr. Fox, who stated that he drove thru a very heavily populated wind turbine area and could not hear, feel or see anything from the turbines. He stated that if turbines were not acceptable to residents there, why would they keep letting more build....once they have been given the go ahead, there will be no way to keep more from moving in! I asked about no trespass zoning (set backs from property lines) which should keep both sides happy. The wind company reps said by having "low noise limits", they are basically giving the 1500' set back from the property line. Why not then just put into the contract a 1500' set back?

I asked about a property value guarantee...those who wish to pay to have property appraised now, could do so. After the turbines are up, we could have property re-appraised and if value has gone down, the wind companies could have funds set aside to make up the difference. They insist that properties have not gone down in value in the past, in fact, state that values in some cases have actually increased. If this is true, they should have no objections to a guarantee in their application.

If I build a structure on my property on a cement base, I believe I would be taxed according to the value of the structure...will anyone be paying property taxes on these structures?

As I see these huge and heavy turbines moving down the interstates, I have to wonder if they are paying for the excess wear on our roads?

Thank-you, so much for your reply, Amanda. I do not know what the processes are for all of this, but will try to pay attention and do whatever I can to promote the people from both sides being treated fairly and according to the law. I really have no sympathy for the wind companies or their representatives. I feel they use our tax dollars to lure in many people who do not

realize what their quick (10 day) decision will mean to them in the future. They can see the proximity to communities when they begin their prospecting, and could do their prospecting accordingly. They know people will be infringing on neighbor's rights with the set backs that they desire, but their agenda is what matters to them...not neighbors getting along. This has to be up to our representatives at County and State levels. Again, thank you for your consideration. Diane Redlin

From: [Reiss, Amanda](#)
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:34 PM
To: jdredlin@sstel.net
Cc: [Kearney, Darren](#) ; [Thurber, Jon](#) ; [Edwards, Kristen](#)
Subject: FW: pics

Ms. Redlin,

Thank you for sending these pictures. I will share them with the PUC Staff members assigned to Docket EL18-003. Staff has been in communications with the SD Department of Game, Fish & Parks regarding this permit application. As a party to this Docket, any information you believe is important to the Commission's decision on the permit application should be presented to the Commission through the testimony and evidence you present in the case.

Amanda Reiss

From: jdredlin@sstel.net [<mailto:jdredlin@sstel.net>]
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Subject: Fw: [EXT] pics

Pictures here show all of the homes, private campground and City Park with public swimming area, which lie along the South side of Punished Woman's Lake. Sunset pictures are on the West end of the lake, and if a wind turbine set back is not far enough away, all of these people will be dealing with the flicker of sun setting behind the turbine. North side of the lake is G,F&P land, and it is concerning that they have not been in attendance at the meetings that I have been to. (they have always been very protective of specific grasses and wildlife that thrive on that portion of their land). I do not know if the PUC or County Commissioners care about any of this, or if I should be presenting it to them in a certain way, but I thought perhaps I could begin here. Sincerely, Diane Redlin

From: Matt Whitney <whitneywelding@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2018 10:49:41 AM

To: Matt Whitney

Subject: pics









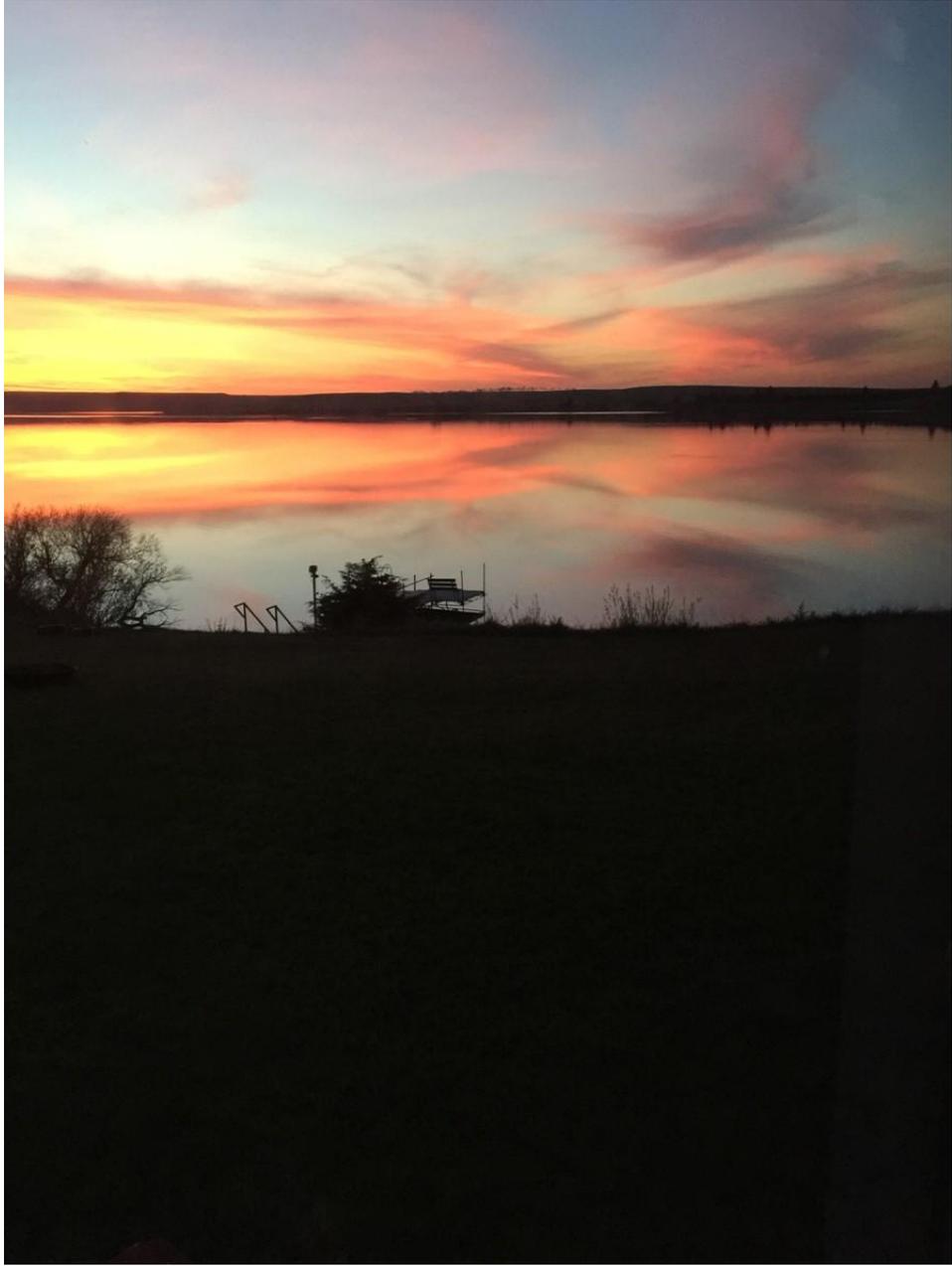




































From: jdredlin@sstel.net <jdredlin@sstel.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:17 PM
To: Atyeo-Gortmaker, Krista
Subject: Fw: [EXT] Dakota Range

From: jdredlin@sstel.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:12 PM
To: [Edwards, Kristen](#) ; [Amanda Reiss](#)
Subject: Re: Dakota Range

Thank-you for the reminder. We have received a map from an additional company moving in, as well as notification from Ottertail Power Co. that they will be raising our rates, due in part to the coming of the wind companies. I will send these on to Amanda Riess, along with a copy of our current Ottertail bill, which is extremely high in comparison to people with similar size homes who live in other communities. We have no city water available to us, no paved roads, sidewalks or gutters, our electric bills are much higher than in other areas...we have always felt that the trade off for living in a beautiful, non polluted area, the enjoyment of nature and wildlife, made it worth while. With the current setbacks being left in place, we will no longer have the open views. There is no way that our property value will remain the same! As upsetting as this is, I feel even worse for the land-owners who have chosen not to participate, and yet with the current setbacks, are losing control for portions of their own land. The zoning group was asked to increase setbacks to 1500' from the property lines, making it fair and compatible for both sides. The wind company representatives were not in favor of any changes, but I don't feel it is really their job to try to be fair to all of the people in our counties. That should be the responsibility of our PUC. I have had a recent surgery which will keep me from being in attendance for the next couple of weeks. I really do not know what steps could be taken or what could be done to put more time for consideration into the decision making (or simply having the contract, as is, not accepted).

Please let me know if there is someone to be contacted and what might make a difference.
Thank-you, Diane Redlin

From: [Edwards, Kristen](#)
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:46 AM
To: jdredlin@sstel.net
Subject: Dakota Range

Diane,
I am going to be out of the office for a couple days starting this afternoon, so I wanted to check in before I left to see if you had any questions since testimony is due next week. Let me know if there is anything you need.

Kristen

From: Tim Lindgren <timlindgren009@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:28 PM

To: Atyeo-Gortmaker, Krista

Subject: [EXT] Wind Towers

When you consider wind power as being green energy think about this. Look at the amount of coal used in the steel used to build the towers. The diesel fuel used to haul in the concrete used for the base, and to erect the towers. The petroleum products used to make the blades, which is not recyclable. The propane used to keep the blades from icing up. 300 gallons of oil for lubrication in each turbine. Not to mention the amount of gas used in vehicles to go from one tower to another to maintain them. We might as well be using fossil fuel to begin with. And I feel that a 1500 ft. set back for a 500 ft. tower with 100 ft. blades is not enough.

Tim Lindgren

From: Amber Christenson <amber@uniformoutlet.net>

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:23 AM

To: Atyeo-Gortmaker, Krista

Subject: [EXT] wind energy

To all members of the County Commission and Planning and Zoning Board,

I live on the border of Grant and Codington counties where wind energy would like to build its massive energy plant.

I am VEHEMENTLY opposed to our counties becoming industrial wind farms, endangering our health, safety, property values, tourism, peace and comfort.

We must keep South Dakota rural at all costs. The PZ board agreed that Grand county will survive with no wind energy plants. Don't ruin the state for our future generations. It would be a grave mistake to give up what we have for a few dollars promised by someone who will never live here.

What a shame the commissioners would not vote for a moratorium to protect the county residents. One voice of reason on the whole commission? I hope you reconsider that vote and join Commissioner Street in slowing the process down. What is the rush??? There isn't one on the county's side.

Amber Christenson

Strandburg, SD

From: Teresa Kaaz <teresakaaz@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:23 AM

To: Atyeo-Gortmaker, Krista

Cc: Amber Christenson; Silver Sage

Subject: [EXT] Wnd Projects

I reside just inside the Codington county, Grant county border. My family owns the original family farmstead in Grant county, So my children and their children and even beyond them, will be effected by you, Grant county commissioners decisions, directly!

Don't let the future of grant county be decided by unknown facts. The people whom have leased their land have lost the right to have a say in any future growth of their own properties..

In the future those leases can and will be sold to highest bidder from anywhere in the world. Imaging all the acres signed in grant county in years to come potentially be turned into solar/wind park and all inhabitants being required to evacuate their own property.(which it stated in the contract)

This might seem far fetched, but, without taking the time to research and hiring outside specialized attorneys by Grant county to look all aspects of the application and by demanding tower manuals to determine safety zones and ordinances put in place to protect the county from possible environmental pollution, from leaking wind turbines out of maintenance, to health and safety being put in danger to the whole population in Grant county, because outdated ordinances stayed place.

That was just a small example of what could go wrong in the future over the next 50 years!!!

I just can not imagine that your county officials want to be held responsible for that!

In closing, please take the chance to do the right thing and vote for a moratorium to take the time to protect all Grant County inhabitants

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