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Dear Susan Wefald:

Enclosed are seven copies of my Petition to Intervene as according to #3 of the instructions you sent us. I am sorry we forgot to include this with my original one I sent you on Tuesday. Also I am sending a copy of the petition to Mr Bender of Pearce & Durick. Today I received a copy of the letter he delivered to you yesterday. I found the missive completely inaccurate and negative. My wife and I are not against economic development or even wind development or the Rugby Wind Farm Project. We are however against their business practices of conspiracy with farmers they wanted land-leases from and the fact that they did not notify all property owners who would be affected. They lied in court and said they did. I cannot see why our existence should be destroyed by their double-dealing and deceit. I do not want any other innocent person to undergo what my wife and I are experiencing at the hands of a vicious corporation hell-bent on making money at whatever the cost. They prate about having no environmental impact when they are destroying my home, my peace and quiet, my wife's job in Belcourt and my literary profession!

Very truly yours,

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Re: PPM Energy Inc.  
Rugby Wind Farm-Pierce County  
Siting Application  
Case No PU-05-47

PPM Energy Inc  
230 kV Transmission Line  
Siting Application  
Case No Pu-05-305

PETITION TO INTERVENE IN RUGBY WIND FARM CASE BY  
J T MCINTIRE

I am petitioning for an intervention in the Rugby Wind Farm case on ethical grounds because PPM directly lied in court in Rugby on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July in my presence by saying they had contacted all landowners who would be affected by the impact of the project. I was never notified by PPM or anybody else. Mr Larry Kraft who farms the land around our farmstead and stands to benefit from the project blurted out to me in the field north of our farm in the middle of April seemly senseless words about a wind farm but I had no idea of what he was talking about. I hadnt seen him in two years and he seemed blustery and beside himself. My only other distant neighbour said he was just spouting off and not to take him seriously. I really didnt know about the project till I turned to the Rugby radio station in mid-June.

I feel my petition should be taken with great seriousness by the Public Service Commission not only because it spells the end of our lives on our beautiful farmstead and in the community but also because I believe I can show just cause to require these corporations to notify by mail ALL PEOPLE CONCERNED in any development project in the future. I refer to my second letter to Senator Byron Dorgan on file with the commission. In that missive Mr Larry Kraft told me that PPM met secretly in January with all the landowners they wanted leases from. He told me to my face that PPM asked them not to talk to anybody else about the contents of the meeting "especially the newspapers." David Kraft also mentioned that if I " had been in on it from the beginning, the rules would have been completely different."

Indeed for me my fate would have been completely different. I could have sold my farmstead with, of course, full disclosure of the impending project. My wife could have gotten a different school-teaching job. Because we were conspired against and not told the truth. . . I quote from the article in The Pierce County Tribune of August 6, 2005. "The McIntires own a five-acre farmstead and although their property is not included in the project, its location near other property which will have turbines and transmission lines will cause adverse effects on their property and livelihood, she contended.

"The potential noise from the towers will make it difficult for them to work on their farm as professional writers and raise small animals.

"She questioned how long landowners in the area were aware of this project and said she and her husband were not notified of it."

In early August the editor of the Tribune talked to me and recalled the first he heard of the project, that was in January from an AP article in the Grand Forks Herald. Much the same story was told to us by a reporter at the Minot Daily News.

Let me be clear again. I am the only property owner, as far as I know, who will be adversely effected by the project. They plan a gigantic turbine 1400 feet from my farmhouse. I will not be able to function as a writer or raise Irish Wolfhounds who will howl at the noise and flashing lights. I will not be able to hear nature or the north wind which are the main reasons I moved here. Because PPM conspired with the poor farmers to keep the project secret, my life and future and standing in the community have been stomped on. The material we have sent the Commission on the noise from these turbines is well documented. This book on Wind Power was written by Peter Gipe, who is in favour of small, medium and large turbines. But he spells out strong ethical guidelines in regards to location so as not to offend the environment and neighbours. In my case however my life isnt going to be merely offended. It will be destroyed. I cannot see at this point any way I can begin on my novel about Chief Little Shell with this mess hanging over my head. I am not in the best of health and my nerves are going quick. I feel that PPM should buy my farmstead immediately for the pain and suffering they have caused me and my health as well as the future of literature in North Dakota. And I think PPM could use our farmstead wisely in their own capacity for managers for the windmills or the new power plant they plan in Spring Lake Township.

My wife and I supplied the Commission with material from the same book I mentioned before on turbines. It describes intelligent and alternative sites for wind turbines where they had the least environmental impact on railroad tracts and major highways. That way with above board business dealings you wont have collateral damage like the McIntire family. That way Senator Dorgan's wishes in the enclosed letter can be satisfied.

Indeed I would very much like to escape the destruction of my life and have PPM buy me out. But I would also like them to promise the Commission to notify all parties concerned in any future development BY MAIL, just as the Commission has put me and my wife on their mailing list. I feel the Commission should review the project and consider making geographical changes on the turbines such as Europe has done. By the commission doing so PPM will be forced to have an overall positive vision for North Dakota, so trouble such as that which has been caused to me, need never happen to anybody else again. North Dakota is the most beautiful, as well as, the most unspoiled state in the country and it is the responsibility of government to maintain this particular status quo as business grows.

Thank you for hearing my petition.

J T McIntire