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Ms. Susan Wefald, Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Wefald:

J T and received this kind and insightful letter from Senator Dorgan. In the wind power text I sent you there was a mention on the bottom of page 269 of how Germany and Denmark place their wind turbines. As Senator Dorgan states, '(T)here are plenty of areas to site wind turbines without spoiling the wonderful view that we have of the expansive horizons and beautiful prairies.'

I realize from having spoken to Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco that North Dakota could be moving rapidly on the PPM turbine issue. But wouldn't it be a good idea for the Commission to slow down and set a high standard for PPM and, thus, all future wind farm development in our state? I also realize there is a lot of money involved and I heard PPM pushing you in court to make up your minds quickly so they can start making money right away. They gave the definite impression of trying to railroad the project through. But greed isn't a part of human nature. Therefore, it is blind to the truth and composed of outside economic forces that must be scrutinized to gain balance and justice.

If we could learn from Germany and Denmark where wind turbines... 'line the autobahn,...and rail passengers watch wind turbines spinning in the fields adjacent to the tracks,' then turbines might line Highway 3 five miles north of Rugby, as planned, and continue up the road. It would be more of a pleasure to see them there, than as separate blights on the landscape.

Tim Seck, manager of Midwest Renewables, told J T that he "looked at our house" after J T had spoken up on July 5th to the Pierce County Zoning and Planning Council. He didnt even know where our house was, yet PPM testified in court as well as in the Power Point book that they had contacted all the landowners. Mr Seck then mentioned that our house was "protected."

I was later to learn that turbines can 'act as a line source' as described on page 288 in the wind power book. There will be more turbines coming down our road. The noise emitting from them can react to coves, bodies of water, night, temperature, shelter belts... or simply be louder in the silence of the night. And as the text points out the noise from one turbine feeds on the next one to multiply.

Mr. Seck called on July 25th to our home to say that a package was coming concerning property values of houses with views of wind turbines. J T had asked about that at the July 5th meeting. The problem with the book Mr Seck sent us about property values was that all the other wind farm projects took place in popular and populated areas. It is difficult to see how that information applies to Pierce County, North Dakota where we are the only house negatively affected. PPM states they have 46000 acres of which only 50-70 acres (Power Point page 16) that would be 'impacted by the project' to deal with for locations. During that July 25th conversation, Mr. Seck told me he would "work with us" and he was "opened to suggestions." I asked him if we could meet so that he could show us where they were planning on putting the windmills near us. He said that it would be "meaningless" because where PPM would be placing them was "subject to change." He told me that they were going to build the roads in the fall. To not know where they were going to put the turbines and roads and it was a few days to August was beyond me. What if at the last minute they decided to put one here, I thought. We would have no recourse. I was wise to think and feel that way because a couple of days later he informs us that a turbine would be 1400 ft. from our place. This information was given to us right when we came into the courtroom door on July 29th. Did he know, or did he not know when he called me a couple of days earlier? He doesn't know where we live, then on top of that he lies to me, is that it? I am not used to people lying to me because I assume that if they have lied to me once they will lie again. I have to ask, Is the Commission going to entrust our state to people who have such bad judgement as to antagonize citizens they are already destroying the lives of?

Isn't Senator Dorgan giving us a hint as to how he would like to see wind energy develop in North Dakota? How can the Public Service Commission have a bird's-eye-view of the future of the state when PPM is giving them a month to go through all the material that was given to them during the July 29th meeting? I know the Public Service Commission has an enormous say on the final placement of the turbines, and I hope they reject a boomtown mentality for our state

and decide to go with the European model.

A few year ago J T and I were traveling through Ozona, Texas. In the town square there is a statue of Davy Crockett. Under the statue is a quote from him, 'Be sure you are right, then go ahead.'

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta McIntire". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Roberta McIntire

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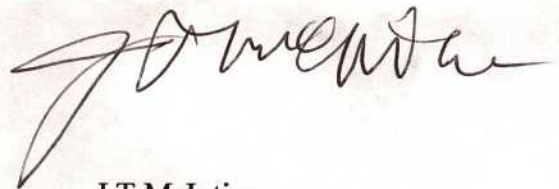
Dear Senator Dorgan:

Thank you for your supportive letter of 2 August. It really did make me support the new energy bill. It also emitted the strong impression that it is up to the people of North Dakota to fight on a state and local level for sane and just development of wind power so that the turbines don't compromise the integrity of our land and sound scapes or, as in our case, destroy individual lives and homes. As far as I know then, we are the only people fighting except for a man in Dickey county.

Enclosed is a copy of my Petition to Intervene as well as a letter to Susan Wefald. Because we feel doomed my wife and I are trying to create a balance between saving our lives and our civic duty to North Dakota which has given me the best books I have ever written in my life. If I cant save my own existence, my hope is that at least I can make a major difference in the way these fascist corporations conduct themselves in our beautiful state.

I will keep you informed on our efforts. Thank you for helping us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J T McIntire", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

J T McIntire

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Dear J.T.:

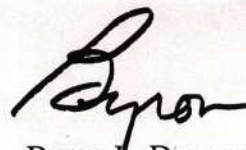
Thanks for your nice letter. I know you're concerned about the proposed location of some wind turbines. But frankly, I don't have any say about where private companies are going to site their wind turbines in North Dakota.

Generally, I have been supportive of developing wind energy in our state. And I think there are plenty of areas to site wind turbines without spoiling the wonderful view that we have of the expansive horizons and beautiful prairies. The new energy bill that we passed provides incentives for wind energy and bio diesel, ethanol and a wide range of renewable energy. Frankly, we are way too reliant on the Saudis and others for our oil, so we do have to begin pushing renewable energy.

But I just don't have any role at all in the siting of wind farms or wind turbines and you'll have to take that issue on in your home area.

Thanks for sending me your letter. I am sorry I can't be of help in this matter, but please let me know how I can be helpful on other issues to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Byron L. Dorgan
U.S. Senator