

DATE: February 3, 2007

TO: North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol, 12th Floor Dept. 408
600 E. Blvd.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Tatanka Wind Power, LLC transmission Siting Application, Case # PU-06-443

Because of previous commitments I was unable to attend the public hearing in Ashley, ND on January 18th. I do, however, have some concerns about the citing of the 230 KV transmission line that Tatanka Wind Power is proposing in the McIntosh/Dickey County area.


The corridor that Tatanka Wind Power has identified goes through section 30-129-66 in Dickey County and section 36-129-67 in McIntosh County. Both of these areas have cemeteries in them. I would encourage you to take this in consideration before approving Tatanka's siting application. Any transmission lines close to these old cemetery sites will ruin the serenity and the landscape for family members who visit the burial sites of loved ones. Noisy crackling power transmission lines will certainly take away from the tranquil mood that is associated with old rural cemeteries.

Also, I have property in sections 6 and 7-129-66 in Dickey County. I and numerous family members spend quite a bit of time in this area hunting and fishing the waters on this property. Again, I hope you take into consideration the placement of Tatanka's transmission lines to reduce the noise to the greatest extent possible. I already have a power transmission line crossing my property about ¼ mile from our farm site. There are many times when we can hear the crackling and buzzing of those lines from our farm yard. I would hate to have to listen to another line in the area.

I understand there is new technology in the power industry which reduces or eliminates the noise created by high voltage lines. I would urge you to ask Tatanka Wind Power to use this technology in an effort to reduce noise and keep the tranquility of our rural country side as it is today.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue.

Sincerely,


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