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Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 7:59 PM
To: Smith, Mollie (msmith@fredlaw.com); Lein, Jerry R.; -Info-Public Service Commission
Cc: Sheldon, Scott F.; Jeffcoat-Sacco, Ilona; MArmstrong@smithbakke.com; Hamre, John G.
Subject: RE: Courtenay Wind Farm
Attachments: Scan_Doc0001.pdf

Dear Mr. Lein (et al):

Thank you very much for your response. I have FedEx'd the attached request letter to the Commissioners c/o Mr. Nitschke and Ms. Smith at your direction. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Grant Baumgartner

-----Original Message-----

From: "Lein, Jerry R."
Sent: Jul 16, 2013 1:35 PM
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Dear Mr. Baumgartner:

Thank you for your email below. I hope you find the attached response helpful.

Sincerely,

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From: gbaum@gocougs.wsu.edu [mailto:gbaum2@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2013 11:05 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission
Subject: Courtenay Wind Farm

Dear Public Service Commissioners,

I own a house virtually in the middle of the proposed Courtenay Wind Farm. Within one mile of my house, it appears there are proposed to be 14 wind turbines, plus a collector substation. I am not currently a participant by contract in the wind farm project.

I was unaware of the recent public hearing. I imagine it was published in the Jamestown Sun, however I don't read the Sun daily. Geronimo Energy has been in touch with me, however they did not notify me of the hearing. Since this project would impact me and my property significantly, I am asking if you could notify me when the next hearing will be? I would definitely like to express my opinion.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Request to consider additional information not presented at hearing

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Re: Case No. PU-13-64, Courtenay Wind Farm Siting Application

Dear Commissioners and Applicant:

I am writing to request your consideration of additional information not presented at the hearing in Jamestown, North Dakota on July 12, 2013 in accordance with the North Dakota Century Code Section 28-32-25.

I am significantly impacted by this project as I have a residence virtually in the middle of the project footprint. Within one mile of my house, there are proposed to be 14 wind turbines, plus a collector substation. I am not currently a participant by contract in the wind farm project. I am not against the project as a whole; however I offer the following testimony regarding components of the planned project:

1. Adequate consideration by the project planners has not been given to placement of the collector substation relative to residences in the project footprint, specifically my residence which is not participating in the project.

My testimony/position: The collector substation is proposed to be placed right in front of (by country terms) my front door. I will be able to see it every time I open my front door, literally about 800 feet across a small field. This collector substation should be moved farther south down the planned transmission line away from non-participating residences.

2. Adequate consideration by the project planners has not been given to the density (number) of turbines around residences not participating in the project.

My testimony/position: I do not believe there is an inhabited residence, other than mine, within the project footprint that has 14 turbines (plus a collector substation) within one mile of it. Additionally, there appears to be a much higher density of turbines around residences not participating in the project, than those participating. There should be a policy or regulation regarding the density of wind turbines placed within one mile of inhabited residences not participating, with 6-8 seeming reasonable to me.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony,



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