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North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Commissioners:

We are the owners of Fritel Enterprises. Our company owns the facility referred as the Rolette Mall. We are the proprietors of Main Street Market, our town's grocery store.

My wife (Lynette) and I (Randy) grew up in this community. Our four children have been fortunate to grow up here, also.

Many small rural towns across North Dakota have experienced significant population decreases, and several have disappeared. Rolette has thrived and sustained its current population [600 residents] for many decades.

The community has faced many challenges during our life time. The mall, is a classic example of this community's desire to survive. In the mid-seventies a major fire destroyed many main street businesses. Local leaders stepped up and secured the capital resources necessary to build the mall. Numerous local citizens made cash investments to support the effort. In addition to local cash resources other outside construction capital was secured to complete the project.

Along the way there have been other examples of local leaders investing personal capital and considerable amounts of their time working on projects to benefit the local business community. The restaurant across the street from the mall, the clinic building, and most recently the Rolette Community Care Center [a skilled care facility] each requiring sizeable amounts of construction capital to be build are testaments of their dedicated work for their community.

Likewise, the wind farm project has had the same kind of support. Local project developers raised over \$600,000.00 in cash investments [this was the founding of Border Power, LLC] and were able to lease over 14,000 acres of land that makes up the wind farm footprint.

A very prudent decision made by local project developers was entering into a joint venture with M-Power, LLC. This collaborative investment arrangement leveraged working capital for the development company [Rolette Power Development, LLC] bringing the application for a siting permit before you today.

The Rolette area wind farm project is definitely a grassroots effort. Adequate cash money was raised. Land easements have been acquired from willing land owners. Add enthusiastic support from local people to the previously mentioned statements has been paramount to bringing this effort close to fruition.

