

June 29, 2015

Honorable Julie Fedorchak, Chairman
600 East Boulevard, Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Commission Members:

We are the Honsey's, Dale and Jewel: Our family owns a construction business. Jewel runs the local Tesoro convenience store [Town and Country Tesoro]. We also own farm and ranch properties that are leased to a local producer.

The Rolette area wind farm project has interested us since the idea was introduced to the community. We are cash investors [~~Border Power~~, LLC], and have land owner easements [Rolette Power Development, LLC] within the wind farm footprint.

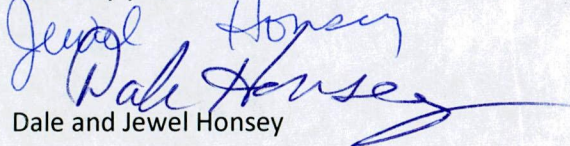
The business operating model developed by the charter organizers of this effort is what encouraged us to participate. First, as a cash investor and later convinced us to sign land lease agreements. The model emphasized community involvement and local control.

This unique approach to community economic development was a significant contributing factor in the company's success in raising capital and acquiring land owner easements. The comfort level that was generated between company representatives [local individuals] and cash investors and land owners has made this effort work.

Cash investors and land owners look at themselves as participating partners in a project that has the potential to have significant impacts upon our local economy. This is a refreshing example of a small rural community cooperating to help themselves. We hope you give these factors serious consideration, when you make your decision on the siting permit application being reviewed at today's hearing.

Thank-you for giving us the opportunity to present our views before the commission.

Sincerely yours,


Dale and Jewel Honsey