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Subject: RE: testimony for PSC hearing 10/8/15 re: Lindahl Wind Farm

Good Morning,

I was hoping to receive a confirmation that my testimony was received, read, and submitted as is and included for the purpose of testifying against the Lindahl Wind Farm. I have not received any confirmation from anyone. Do I need to send this as a certified letter with a return receipt to get that confirmation? Please respond.

How can I contact the judge, Patrick J Ward? I would like him to receive this information as well.

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Date: Fri, 9 Oct 2015 15:14:40 -0500

Re: Lindahl Wind Project LLC at the Neset Consulting building in Tioga

I was at the hearing for the morning session. I was not able to stay for the delayed afternoon session.

I wish to submit my testimony in writing, based on the notes I took in the morning. I visited briefly with Judge Patrick Ward about my time limits at the "noon" break, and informed him that I couldn't stay until 2:30 p.m. I received this message from Stephanie Vagts today saying, "I talked to the judge, Patrick J. Ward. He would like you to submit your comments to the three commissioners and Attorney Brian Schmidt." I appreciate this opportunity very much.

I live overlooking the beautiful White Earth River Valley north of White Earth. I hope you took the opportunity to fly over the area after the meeting and see what we are trying to protect! There is getting less and less of the natural beauties left in western North Dakota.

I listened to the "schpeel" from Bryce Smith. I had questions submitted to me by a recent graduate, who received his masters in Sustainability, that I was listening for answers to. Those questions were:

How long will the project take from start to finish?

What is the expected ROI (return on investment)?

What are they doing to appease the people against it both financially and ethically?

How many miles of land will be dug up for electrical wiring?

Which energy companies are involved in this project?

and What is their track record with environmental concerns?

I didn't hear any definite information that answered these questions. I did hear that it will cover 13,000 acres, and it will be 75 turbines of varying sizes. At the meeting I attended in Tioga at the very overcrowded city hall, they couldn't give a definite number of wind towers because they said that some wind towers put out 2 mw, and some put out less than that per tower. I didn't hear the question asking how many megawatts these varying turbines put out. Trade Winds was surprised that I asked them that question at the city hall, because that informed the audience that they could put up more turbines than what they were saying.

We live in Bicker Township, just east of Lindahl township. We have friends that are extremely opposed to living in and amongst these monstrosities. Some were at the hearing with you, and some stayed away because of the personal conflicts standing up causes. We have seen too much division already dealing with the oil and gas bullies, over which we have no say because of leases signed way back when and before people got educated about the realities of that. Now there is a chance to say "NO" to this invasion. I need to ask you to say "No" for the reasons I heard you mention yesterday.

Julie said she loves the beautiful White Earth River Valley. I heard Brian Kalk talk about his concern for the bald eagles. I heard Randy Christmann encourage us to speak out in spite of feeling intimidated, and I heard Brian Schmidt asking questions that showed his concern to preserve God's wonderful Creation.

I learned you are aware of the realities that we will be left with if you allow this wind farm to put up their towers - the very concerns that I had made notes of in my outline if I had been able to stay and speak.

Bald eagles fly around our house and in the beautiful White Earth River Valley every fall and spring. All the oil activity going on is impacting wild life and the birds of the prairie and of the air. The wind turbines will impact that considerably more.

The visual pollution from the unsightly towers and the flashing lights will be in addition to the degradation caused by the oil and gas activity and the resulting pipeline scars and tank batteries, rail-loading facilities, excessive power transmission lines and yards, gas processing plants, compressor stations, the locations themselves, the flares - most all mentioned causing both visual and air pollution.

Our feeling of security will be decreased even more. Planes that are checking for pipeline leaks could not detect a massive leak on an open wheat field - where there were no obstacles - and, unfortunately, no other form of leak detection seems significant to our decision makers. How will planes be able to maneuver through those obstacles for any reasons?

There will be more loss of our precious grasslands - many of which are still native prairie. I know for a fact that there is NO native grass seed mix available. A film at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park at Medora states that once native prairie is disturbed, it is apparent for 100 years. We still have marks from wagon trains out on our native prairie. The unnecessary disturbances need to stop!

All of this digging is creating more risks! Having to dig trenches in among gas and other existing pipelines, many of which are not even marked and known to this day, already caused loss of life right in our township.

Liberty Resources was mentioned in the hearing - that Trade Wind Energy has been in communication with them. Liberty Resources has created a huge conglomeration right near three households that live on the corner of 76th St NW and Highway 40 north of Tioga. Now they are coming to Bicker Township wanting to put in a gas plant that will impact our township adversely. Why aren't they putting their gas plant in Lindahl Township where they already are? I'm confident it is because of the wind towers' needs.

I understand the importance of the hearing was to be about minimal impacts on people and on the environment. We are already over-loaded here in northwest North Dakota. Lindahl Township already has 265 wells and, according to Liberty Resources, they plan on another 75 wells. The infrastructure for all of that gas still is not in place. Putting the wind turbines up hampers the need to take care of the flaring that we all know is a huge waste - financially, as a limited natural resource, and as visual and air pollution, causing health issues. We do not want to lose any more natural beauty! We do not want to lose any more wildlife and their habitat! We do not need more work!!

This is another huge burden on us landowners! The landowners gets the burden in many ways, to mention a few - meetings, negotiating, research, monitoring, reporting, public speaking, educating, and the costs for all the above, including the need for attorneys - as we try to protect our water wells and springs, air, and soils - all which are necessary to grow food for the public convenience and necessity.

Taken from "14,000 Idle Wind Turbines A Testament to Failed Energy Policies" written by Bob Adelman printed 4/11/13:

"Those 14,000 wind turbines in California's Altamont Pass, Tehaapin, and San Gorgonio areas and elsewhere around the world are testimony to the continuing and accelerating failure, funded with taxpayer monies. And these areas were selected as being "in the best wind sports on earth", which are now, according to Natural News writer Jonathan Benson, just "spinning, post industrial junk which generates nothing but bird kills."

I implore you to stop this whole notion of another invasion within my view and within the view of many - not just because of the view, but because of all the issues I've mentioned above.

I respect your time in coming out and in the time its taken you to read this message sent from my heart hoping to reach yours.

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