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Dear Commissioners:

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Because I am not able to attend the public meeting being held in Linton, ND with regard to the Logan/Emmons Wind Tower Project, I am writing to put forth my reasons such a project should be approved. I am a landowner in the Logan/Emmons wind farm footprint.

Although I am unable to be at this meeting, my heart lies in my home counties of Emmons and Logan. Living in southern Minnesota I have seen the advantages of having wind farms erected here.

- The economic impact of these wind farms has been a financial plus to our communities. During

construction many businesses profited greatly during the construction phase. All businesses benefited from their presence – restaurants, retail businesses, fuel stations, repair businesses, etc.

- The increased tax revenues will be advantageous for all citizens within the communities. It will help keep tax levies down and/or enable communities to provide better or new services that have not been realistic because of budget constraints. Schools, police and fire departments, road projects, etc. will benefit.
- The disruption to the rural way of life we treasure will be much less than it would be with oil drilling or oil fracking. A visit to the northwest part of ND will show you how the communities have been negatively impacted – schooling, health care, housing and fire and police services have been strained during the oil boom. Once the wind tower construction is done communities will not have to worry about man camps, schools bursting at the seams, or the difficulty in finding people to fill positions through out the community in public services or retail businesses.

- Maintenance of the wind towers will provide several permanent jobs to qualified people within the communities or will bring in families who will shop in the stores, send their children to local schools, attend the churches and be involved with community affairs.

Renewable energy is a necessity for all consumers of energy. There will come a time when natural resources will be diminished or become very expensive so it is imperative that we have back-up sources in place to meet the avarice consumption that the citizens of the world demand.

It is apparent to me that Nextera is a responsible energy company. They have worked well with farmers and land-owners so that everyone is informed of the operations of their company and the impact the wind farm will have on the land and environment. I find them to be very transparent in their dealings. Contracts that were presented to landowners have been fair. When my attorney reviewed my contracts and provided suggestions to add/delete from the contracts, it was easy

to work with Nextera and they were very accommodating.

We are lucky to have such a reputable company that is interested in developing this renewable energy project in our counties. They have shown all involved a great deal of respect and have always been forthright in answering our questions and concerns.

Sincerely,
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