

March 7, 2019

To: North Dakota Public Service Commission

From: Race Ronald Jacobson

Testimony: I, Race Ronald Jacobson, oppose the proposed wind farm in Burke County. I am against the wind farms for multiple reasons. The first reason is because it will affect the natural migratory path of birds that I enjoy hunting in the spring and fall. In the spring and fall we see a lot of bird migration over the area. After talking to people around Tioga they have noticed a decrease in migratory birds. The location will also affect the environment and welfare of the citizens by creating obstructions in areas that have few roads already. Construction of wind towers will bring not only unnatural noises but a higher amount of traffic in Burke County. It will affect the welfare of the citizens by making the road more dangerous with the added traffic. It will also take away from the citizen the splendid scenery that they enjoy.

The construction of a wind farm in Burke County will affect me and my family greatly. I work for a professional dog trainer in the summer and the job is based on wild game birds and some migratory birds that come through the area. If a wind farm is built it will take away my job because my boss will have to find new ground to train his dogs on. It will also affect me because I like to be outdoors and enjoy nature in a place that is not already affected by people. At my family's ranch we will be affected by the added noise in the area. We will also be affected by not being able to move our cattle easily between pastures because of the added traffic.

Sincerely,



Race Jacobson

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To whom it may concern.

I would like to show my opposition to the wind tower project. I live and ranch in Burke County, a mile from a proposed tower site.

The grounds for my opposition are as follows

- Wrecking the natural beauty of the landscape
- Disturbing our livestock and animals with noise, people, and light flicker
- The fact that a tower will never make as much energy as what it took to build the tower
- The wind is variable, making them useless when the wind is too strong or too weak
- Without government tax exemptions the towers won't pay for themselves
- Driving land values down
- After the company has moved on they won't take down the towers because it will be too expensive let alone return the land to its natural glory

My biggest concern is the possible occurrence of health degradation from the towers. My fiancé and I plan to start a family soon, and if the towers come we will be moving out of county to make sure they have the best possible health.

We love living where we do. Please don't make us move so we can continue living in the most beautiful land we have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Taylor Gahner  
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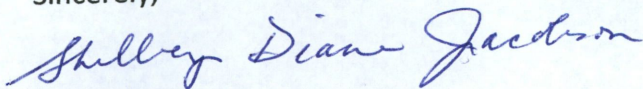
From: Shelby Diane Jacobson, Burke County land owner

Testimony:

I, Shelby Diane Jacobson, oppose the proposed wind farm in Burke County. My reasons against are the proposed wind farm would be close to my ranch. Wind Turbines are very large and be up to ~~400~~ <sup>520 Ft</sup> ft in height with the blade and vertical air space can take up to close to an acre of land. When I look out that is what I will see for miles away. The large blades cause noise and I don't want to hear that when I am outside enjoying the quietness of my land. They also cause problems for all the migratory birds we have coming through our ranch in the spring and fall.

The widening and straightening of the roads in the county to move the trucks and cranes in. Who would be responsible for this cost? Who is responsible for the cost of the transmission lines to carry the electricity? Who is responsible for the cost to tear the towers down when they are worn out? The life span of a wind turbine, power companies say, is between 20 and 25 years. The cost in Texas to retire a wind tower is \$200,000 per turbine. (Star, 2017) I don't want this added cost to my taxes when I don't want them in the first place.

Sincerely,



Shelbey Diane Jacobson