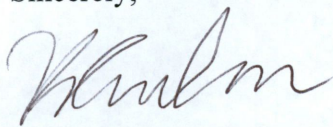


Dear Public Service Commission,

Ever since I moved up to North Dakota, I knew that I wanted to live here the rest of my life. I love everything here ranging from the people to the great hunting land. I have read articles and talked to people a lot about these wind turbines that you are wanting to put on our land and I have found that this can affect bird's migratory patterns. Also, you say that it doesn't affect any other animals but I feel that it will drastically hurt the population of all the animals. My family and I are very big hunters and with all the construction and noise they will make; it will scare off a lot of animals. I personally, do not want to live anywhere near these terrible machines. I want to be able to build a house and a family on this land in the future and if you put these machines all over the place how am I supposed to do that? I know that they have to be a certain distance away from buildings so if you put them everywhere were ~~is~~ my house going to go. The land we have is not very accessible and there are not many places that you can put buildings and such so if you take all this space up with these machines where am I supposed to build my family.

Sincerely,



Kyler Carlson

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to oppose the Nexterra Energy Project in Burke County. My family and I moved to North Dakota in 2013. We began a small farm on my in-laws original farmstead.

One of the best things about living in this rural area is the open scenery and the abundance of wildlife. I have great fears that if the project proceeds, we will lose these assets. Additionally, I have heard of many individuals who suffer from ailments after having wind farm energy built around their homes. As someone who suffers from chronic disease this has been at the forefront of my mind throughout the initial phases.

An article in *Cam-Fam Physician* (2013) explains the varied adverse effects that rural physicians can be expected to see from their patients. The information states "People who live or work in close proximity to IWTs (industrial wind turbines) have experienced symptoms that include decreased quality of life, annoyance, stress, sleep disturbance, headache, anxiety, depression, and cognitive dysfunction. Some have also felt anger, grief, or a sense of injustice. Suggested causes of symptoms include a combination of wind turbine noise, infrasound, dirty electricity, ground current, and shadow flicker."


There have been numerous studies on the wind energy projects and their direct affect on the human population. "In 2010, Nissenbaum et al used validated questionnaires in a controlled study of 2 Maine wind energy projects. They concluded that "the noise emissions of IWTs disturbed the sleep and caused daytime sleepiness and impaired mental health in residents living within 1.4 km of the two IWT installations studied." As someone who works in the healthcare industry, I know firsthand how mental health in rural areas is a growing concern. The lack of accessible mental health providers impedes treatment for the residents of the area. I have concerns that bringing in a project that can further produce mental health issues will only result in greater issues for the Burke County residents.

Lastly, I have a concern for the wildlife and my livestock in relation to the wind farm project. Again, there have been studies completed that show the wind farm energy is detrimental

to livestock and wildlife. While I don't have a large farm, I do have enough animals that any amount of sickness in the herd would be a financial burden for my family.

I understand the need for furthering our energy sources from fossil fuels, however, I feel we should be taking a longer look at the possible long-term outcomes in our counties population before we proceed with a project.

Sincerely,


Erin Carlson