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To PSC,

NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

We have farmed in Burke county for 52 years. My major crops are durum wheat and canola. Both crops generally need to be sprayed with fungicide every year. We normally do our own spraying. About once every 3-5 years a rain makes ground application impossible. The time frame for application is about 48 hours. An average crop is worth about \$500 per acre. Not spraying can cost about \$300 per acre or \$45000 per quarter. I generally have about 1000 acres of durum and 1000 acres of canola . A \$300 per acre loss is \$600,000.

When conditions are too wet, I have to hire an airplane sprayer. My applicator needs one mile to turn around. Every field is a potential airplane runway. The FAA says an airport needs 5,000 ft setback for a 250 foot structure. Wind towers are over 500 ft high. I need 5000 ft or more setback for any wind tower near my property. There will never be a wind tower on my property.

If a neighbor builds a wind tower within 5000 ft, this could result in a lawsuit. This is unlawful taking of property.

A personal note, when I finished college in engineering, I worked in Milwaukee for 2 years. I came back to the rural life style and took over the family homestead from 1899-121 years ago. This does not include:

Wind tower noise or visual obstruction.

Commercial traffic and damage on our roads.

Covid 19 workers on our property.

Wind towers get about \$800,000 subsidy of federal money. Wind towers are NOT reliable. I think the subsidy should be paid to the gas and coal plants. They have to be on standby but do not get paid. Wind towers are a FRAUD.

Thank you,

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