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To: ND Public Service Commissioner,

I reside at 5161-94, Burke County, Harmonious Township.

I am 73 years old and have farmed most of my life. My youngest son moved back to the farm ~~in~~ 2014.

He is raising 4 sons and his wife provides a community service as a family counselor. It has been a struggle to keep the farm going, with all the moisture, flooded roads, and poor commodity prices.

The income from the wind project could possibly save this family farm. It's nice to see so many young people moving back to farm and it would be nice if they can stay on the farm in the coming years. There are at least 6 young farmers, along with their families, who could benefit from the Northern Wind Project.

It would be nice to farm around a wind tower, knowing what payment would be coming at the end of the year, as opposed to farming around an oil well site and getting nothing.

A wind turbine takes less than an acre of land, compared to oil well sites 10 acres plus. The roads to

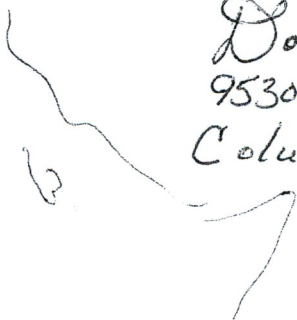
the turbine sites will actually benefit the farmer.

This project will bring new job opportunities for our young people, as well as bring in new workers and their families to support local businesses.

I have always thought a wind farm would be a good addition to our land and I feel a vocal minority should not be able to take away my rights as a landowner.

In closing, I strongly urge you to approve the Northern Nevada Wind Project.

Respectfully,



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