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John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

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Good day,

I listened to the public meeting on the 17th. I have just a few comments. Somewhere in there it was mentioned that no one has complained about their lease. I would put to you that no one who signed a lease can complain. It is part of the lease that you cannot discuss it in any way. You have no redress if something goes wrong with your property, crop etc. Also part of the lease. That being said there is at least one lessee that was threatened with law suits if he didn't sign. He was worried enough for him to sign it. Our own relative wishes he had never signed the lease without checking into it more closely.

I have read up on some of the Next Era dealings and I wasn't impressed. We may have signed ours if we hadn't read it well and seen a lawyer. Several things stopped us: access to our property anywhere or time of their choosing, control of whether we can construct any new structures and then not being willing to supply lease copies to the other three siblings who own shares in part the property.

I have also heard, but have no proof, that all the cheaper wind energy sold will possibly close the coal mine and power plant. This would put 350-400 full time people out of work affecting Garrison, Washburn and Underwood. The Northern Divide Wind project may employ a lot of people during the construction phase, but would only have 5-7 full time employees when completed.

I ask that if you have any doubts about this company and it's project that you deny their application. Or postpone your decision until such time you are sure. Thank you for your time.

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