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**NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

RE: Apex Clean Energy, Bowman County

Dear Commissioners:

With input from the public, the Bowman County Commissioners respectfully request that the PSC hold another public hearing in Bowman regarding the pending wind project in Bowman County. There are multiple reasons for this request.

This project didn't follow the normal permitting path. The PSC held it's hearing nearly a year ago, then the county approved its conditional use permit well afterwards. This backwards approach disenfranchised the public from reviewing, questioning, and providing comment on the numerous documents that were filed since the PSC hearing. There's also a new PSC commissioner who should be able to publicly ask and received answers regarding this project from the public and the developer.

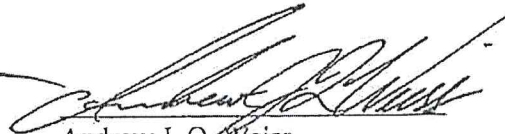
Some comments that were heard at the commission meeting today related to the unanswered questions from the original PSC hearing, change in the company from a developer to an operator of the project, decommissioning plans, wildlife offset plans, and the general change and evolution of the project over the last year.

Accordingly, Bowman County is requesting that the PSC schedule and hold a public hearing on the wind project in Bowman County.

Sincerely,



Rick Braaten
Chairman
Bowman County Commissioners



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