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Jill Baird
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Dear Ms. Baird,

Thank you for your letter regarding the North Bend Wind siting permit request filed with the commission, docket EL21-018.

My fellow commissioners and I base our decisions on evidence as required by law and filed in the docket. The primary determination of a siting docket is whether or not the location, construction and operation of the project's facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. The standards with which to make these determinations are set forth in South Dakota's Codified Laws and Administrative Rules. As a commissioner, I will be voting on the resolution of this docket. In order to avoid unlawful ex parte communication, I cannot discuss the specifics with you outside of a noticed, public meeting.

Your letter and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the EL21-018 docket online. The enclosed Siting Guide, posted in the docket, helps explain the commission's processing of siting permit requests such as this.

As you are a landowner in this proposed project's footprint, I encourage you to attend the public input meeting on the siting application to be held at 6:30 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at the Capitol Lake Visitors Center, 650 E Capitol Ave in Pierre.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson