

Proposed Project Docket Number: 20-269 & 20-384

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Dear Ms. Steinhauer,

I am writing to you to address my concerns with the Walleye Wind Project Proposal. I feel that this project will degrade local property values and cause undo hardship to the long-time residents of Minnesota and South Dakota within the surrounding area. I understand that the towers will be located greater than 585ft from my residence, but the project has a high probability to negative affect the aesthetics of the surrounding natural landscape. With the degraded views people will be hesitant to purchase homes near this proposed wind project, which could result in lower sale prices.

I am far enough from this proposed project that many of the other concerns I have with projects such as this one is moot, but I also strongly feel that local and migrating wildlife will be negatively affected by this project. It has been documented in multiple studies that the harmonics of large wind towers cause issues with ground nesting birds and bats. Also, it is well documented that airborne wildlife is negatively affected by wind-tower/animal strikes causing serve injury and/or death. As an avid outdoorsman and conservationist this causes concern to me.

I am not educated in the ways to mitigate these negative impacts I have addressed above. The only way I see that these concerns don't become reality, is to not build the proposed Walleye Wind Project.

Respectfully,

Rob Falk
Concerned South Dakota citizen.