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To: [Bruce, Charley \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Re: IP6985/WS-17-700 Site Permit Amendment Comment
Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:46:39 AM

Hello Charley,

I have been in communication with Chad Peterson from Xcel Energy. We have discussed the legal definitions in my setback agreement and agree that NSP and Xcel Energy do have access to the setback easement agreement I signed as part of the Blazing Star Wind Farm Project in 2017. However Chad's team has worked very hard to understand my concerns and the impact Turbine T-101 would have to the success of my venue and comfort of my homestead. They have been very respectful and have done an excellent job working with me as a participating landowner with the Project to reach a compromise.

Chad has communicated to me that his team is in the process of finalizing the relocation of T-101 to an alternate location. If they need to file an extension so that we can work through those details I am supportive of this request. If possible, I want to ensure that the site permit amendment that comes to a vote with the MN PUC for the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 Project meets the following requirements:

- 1) Turbine T-101 has been relocated to an alternate location outside of the setback distance from my property.
- 2) The T-101 turbine location in the current site permit amendment layout about 800ft southwest of my property is completely removed from the site permit amendment.
- 3) Turbine T-102 remains unaffected by the relocation of T-101.

If the site permit amendment does not get updated, I would request that Turbine T-101 not be permitted as a part of the site permit amendment.

I want to thank the commission for reviewing this situation and considering the impact this has to our livelihoods. My family and I sincerely urge you to protect our venue and home. T-101 in its present proposed location is just too close at 1000 ft from the barn and ceremony garden area. It is detrimental to our property value and business. We have invested nearly \$20K and several years of sweat equity into the restoration of this barn and acreage. This barn event venue could generate anywhere from \$2K to \$4K a day. Just operating the venue for 20 weeks out of the year, only on the weekends, we could generate \$40k to \$80k per year. Turbine T-101 poses an imminent risk to our business as it interferes with the natural scenic beauty and tranquility this venue has to offer to its guests. And for my wife and I and our future children, we are the homeowners who will have to personally live, day to day with the noise, light, and visual pollution. Due to the wetland on the southwest corner of the property, there is no way to plant trees and block the noise and view of the turbine. We currently have three turbines permitted within the setback distance from our house. T-101 would be a fourth and also in the worst possible location for our property. Please be understanding and consider the impact this decision has on our dream and how we plan to use this business to serve our surrounding communities.

Again, I have been notified that Xcel Energy's intent is to relocate this turbine. The project has alternate locations available, please ensure Xcel Energy and NSP use an alternate location for this situation and that the current location for T-101 adjacent to my acreage is not permitted.

Respectfully,

Brian Lawburgh

Triple L Farm Barn