

From: [Brian Lawburgh](#)
To: [Bruce, Charley \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: IP6985/WS-17-700 Site Permit Amendment Comment
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 4:07:44 PM

Hello Charley,

Thank you for taking the time to talk earlier. I have not heard back from Chad Peterson this afternoon. I have strong concerns over two wind turbines that are part of the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 project in Lincoln County, MN.

My acreage address is 1110, 280th St. Hendricks, MN 56136. I am building a business, the Triple L Farm Barn, to host events such as weddings, meetings, reunions, and private parties at this property. I have invested a lot of capital and sweat equity to rebuild and restore the original barn, lawns, and property. Acquiring this acreage was my childhood dream and is my home where my wife and I intend to raise a family and live for the rest of our lives.

The farm is 16 acres of well maintained property. The view to the south and west has very little tree cover due to the wetland. The south west corner of the acreage is where the fully restored barn, garden, and open lawn are located, The view to the south and west is the backdrop all of my renters have chosen for their wedding ceremonies and pictures for its open and natural beauty.

Two wind towers (specifically T-101 and T-102) are in locations that will be invasive and too close to my event center and pose a strong risk to the development of my business. Wind turbine T-101, added to this amendment and T-102 (previously T-10) will introduce irrevocable noise and visual pollution. They pose a negative impact to my business as they have a strong potential of deterring future customers from renting my property. I hope that the MN Public Utilities Commission will continue their support of the development of small businesses in rural MN and that you can assist me in preventing these two towers from being placed in these locations.

I signed a set-back agreement with Geronimo Energy for the first phase of this project to help the previous owner of the acreage, Joan Larson, receive towers on her agricultural land to the north of the farm. These towers are blocked by a thick grove of trees and are farther away than the proposed new turbines T-101 and T-102. I had a very clear discussion with Geronimo Energy when signing this agreement where they ensured me that no towers would be located in the land directly south and west of my farm. Now Excel is attempting to do exactly what I was originally trying to avoid by not signing the original set-back agreement.

Thank you for your time and I hope we can work together to reach a resolution.

Best Regards,
Brian Lawburgh

Triple L Farm Barn
Contact: (507)-275-3715
Cell: (605)-651-3329