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What action(s) should the Commission take in response to the June 8, 2020 requests to amend the Site Permit for the Freeborn Wind Project?

The Developer must re-site or remove a limited number of turbines into a configuration that will prevent adjacent landowners from receiving more than 30 hours of non-discounted shadow flicker on their property per the Freeborn county shadow flicker ordinance.

I am asking you to move the turbines that will cause shadow and flicker on my property. I know that there will be well over 30 hours of shadow and flicker from the proposed Freeborn Wind Project.

I do not understand why the state would not allow these turbines to be moved so they don't disrupt our lives.

I have a son who is autistic and he does not handle a light bulb flickering in the barn. I don't know how he will be able to handle all the turbines surrounding our property. You should be taking a proactive approach and moving the turbines now since you know they are over the allowed limits.

I am asking for a special condition amendment request for my property along with the Greg Nelson and Sean Gaston properties.

Below are excerpts from a letter from Xcel stating that they will be moving 17 turbines in the project to Iowa. I and others fully support this decision!

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From Xcel:

“.....As noted above, moving the 17 turbines in question to Iowa is not the Company’s preferred course of action, but given the circumstances, it is the best path forward for the Company and our customers. Going this direction facilitates the Company securing 100% of the value of the PTCs for the project; it allows the project to be constructed efficiently; it aligns with the conditions of the Site Permit; and it moves turbines from a community that was antagonistic to the project to one that is receptive to the project. For all these reasons, we ultimately determined this shift was in the best interest of all parties.”

The removal of the remaining turbines in London township needs to also happen. This will prevent all three of the families requesting this amendment from experiences certain exceedences.

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