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Subject: proposed wind ordinance for Davison County

We feel that the proposal on wind energy (section 3:11) is woefully inadequate. We propose the set back be at least one mile instead of one thousand foot. Keep in mind the height of the towers is 450 ft and they generate a great deal of noise. Having one of these imposing structures within a thousand feet of a residence would severely damage the quality of life to the property owners, as well as decrease the value of their property. (Variances could be granted to allow a less restrictive distance by those affected if they desire). We also would require property value guarantees for non-participating landowners within a 2 mile radius.

We would also clarify the decommission statement to include a decommission/reclamation bond per tower to be administered by the county in case the owner/operator is unable or unwilling to cover costs associated with the decommission.

Recent ordinances passed by Lincoln County and Letcher Township have set precedents regarding wind energy development in South Dakota. We strongly support these ordinances and feel strongly they should be implemented by Davison County as well. Attached is the Letcher Township ordinance. Please refer to 6. Requirements for siting large wind energy systems. Thank you for your time and consideration. Gene and Denise Stehly