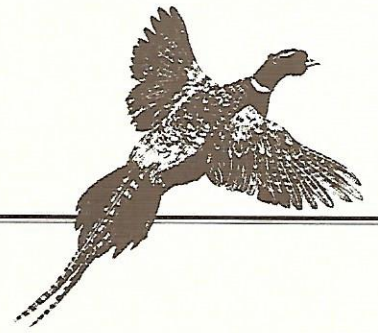


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Hughes County Commission
104 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Haul Road Agreement concerns with North Bend Wind Project

Commissioners:

I am writing to express a few concerns with the proposed crane paths, access roads, and site entry county road shown on the included map.

The solid yellow line representing the proposed site entry county road 321st Ave. from US Hwy 14 south 7 miles to 204th St. is concerning. Coincidentally, we have already seen an increase in traffic on 321st Ave as a result of people avoiding Hyde county's deteriorating Holabird grade as a result of ENGIE's Triple H Wind Project. Our concerns stem not only as residents who live on 321st Ave, but also the concerns and dangers of increased traffic our farm, lodge operation, guests and staff will have to negotiate. A better option would be access from the south and southeast. I would ask for you to please remove this road from consideration.

The yellow dotted line representing a crane path proposed from T-14 to T-08 goes right across two parcels of our property that join together: NE ¼ Section 10: 111-74 and the SW ¼ Section 11: 111-74. This property comes together at an unimproved section line referred to as 323rd Ave. I have not allowed and have no intention to allow them to trespass and destroy that property with a several hundred-ton crane. This proposed crane path must be removed from the Road Haul Agreement in particular because it infringes on our land. There is no way for them to avoid trespassing at the intersection where our two quarters meet.

Assuming towers T-14 and T-08 are even approved, ENGIE shows alternate access roads to them (solid gray line) across owners of private property that have signed a lease agreement with them. This option looks better and would avoid conflicts with cropland not signed up (depicted by the large areas with diagonal lines).

In the same area, a solid red line representing an access road beginning at the junction of 204th St. and 323rd Ave. going north approximately ¾ of a mile on the unimproved section line 323rd Ave. is being proposed. For the first ½ mile we own the property adjacent to the east side and for the next 2 miles we own the property on the west side. If an access road was built, it would prevent the natural flow of water between the proposed road and the west side of our quarter (SW ¼ Section 11: 111-74). We would lose a number of acres of productive cropland to the buildup of standing water. It would require at least 4-5 culverts which is an unnecessary expense to put in and maintain. Simply put, this section line is best served unimproved and I ask you to remove it from consideration.

I trust you will use an independent survey crew to do the necessary surveying correctly rather than relying on ENGIE to do it. One look at the aftermath of the road system in Hyde County courtesy of ENGIE's Triple H project should warrant enough concern to prevent the fox from guarding the hen house.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Bollweg". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Michael J. Bollweg
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