

Submitted via email.
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Dear Commissioner;

We purchased our property west of Hallam in 2013 because it is so beautiful to us out here. My opinion is we paid a little too much for it but it was exactly what we were looking for. I lived in Lincoln growing up and move north of Firth and lived there for 11 years and then move out here for the serenity. My husband was contacted shortly after purchasing this property about interest in putting one of these wind turbines on our property. My husband asked questions because he had previous interest in a small private one so we could at some point try and provide electricity for our own use. But after learning about the size and massiveness of the ones they were offering we knew we would lose the peacefulness and freedom of our property, let alone the impact it would have on other innocent residents within several miles of us, who would not be benefitting in any way. We do not care to impose our personal desires on others and we would only hope that they would respond respectfully, in the same manner. At this time nothing was eluded to about the massiveness of this project.

Our opposition does not stem from this form of alternate energy. It stems from 1) imposing conditions on any area of my personal property for someone else's gain or benefit. (eg. 1000 feet from residence should be at least 2,500 feet from property line so as not to infringe on non-participating property owners rights at any spot on their property whether the non-participating owner owns 3 acres or 300 acres.) 2) Imposing major or minor health risks that are not fully understood to this day, on me, my family (especially children) and my pets, for someone else's gain or benefit. 3) The pure massiveness of the wind turbine farm that is proposed. A few here and there would not be as such an unsightly mess as 20 or more in such a populated area as this. 4) The fact that the community is already undertaking a massive change to our area at this time that will benefit the community more than the proposed wind farm ever would.

If the laws were to only allow property owners whom have personally secured a 1 mile square (640 acres) (not to overlap) to be allowed to erect one of these turbines in the center of that square, then the risks and/or nuisances will fall onto that person (or those in contract together) and not on other innocent residents of the county. We all need each other to make a community, why can't we continue to be respectful of one another and not let a major for-profit company come in and pit us against one other for benefit that is possibly not even going to Nebraska.

We already have a major change going on in our community. The Monolith Plant being built adjacent to the Sheldon Plant is a good thing for our community and to my knowledge it is not imposing on any other residents' rights. To my knowledge, it is a 'cleaner' way to produce energy. This company will create 600 new jobs for people, which is much more beneficial to our area than a handful of maintenance workers that would probably commute from Lincoln or Beatrice anyway.

I ask you; please consider our rights as non-participating community residents. We

have not been given the gracefulness to approach this topic by the company proposing this as we would have appreciated, therefore many other risks or concerns may pop up in the future. This is what I have so far and I feel it is huge. It is a decision that will impact this community for the rest of many of our lives. Please handle this with the utmost care and concern for ALL of us.

Thank you for your time;

Julie Dance (Hallam Resident)