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Greetings WAPA and USFW,

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Dakota Wind Energy project and its managing partner, National Wind, LLC of Minneapolis. Dakota Wind Energy (DWE) is located on the prairie coteau of Northeast South Dakota, and has landowner commitments for 50,000 acres in Marshall County, 3000 acres in Day County, and approximately 7000 acres in Roberts County for a total of 60,000 acres. The project's goal is to secure between 64,000 and 75,000 acres and produce 750 megawatts of power when fully developed. Contacts were initiated earlier this year by National Wind staff with Service officials at the Waubay, SD office. This contact was intended to establish communications for an anticipated umbrella environmental assessment for the Dakota Wind footprints.

To respond to this public scoping opportunity; Dakota Wind shares the concerns of Western and the Service, of protecting the environment. The disturbance of habitat during construction can be reduced by best management practices and Dakota Wind is eager to provide input into the development of such BMP's. We trust the benefits of wind energy relative to its de minimus impact on the environment will be recognized by policy-makers and the drafters of the PEIS. In this spirit, DWE asks that conclusions affecting construction costs, including density of tower siting and routing of collection systems, be developed in consultation with business interests.

National Wind is available at the convenience of Western and the Service to provide input throughout the process. Upon conclusion of our site control efforts, and the micro-siting of towers, we will again contact local and regional Service officials for a discussion of the easements that are affected. We welcome any other opportunity for discussion.

Warm Regards,

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