

City of Minot

Comment# 00007

Office of the Mayor

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WAPA/FWS Wind Programmatic EIS Scoping
Argonne National Laboratory
9700 S. Cass Avenue-EVS/900
Argonne, Illinois 60439

RE: Minot Area Wind Development

To Whom It May Concern:

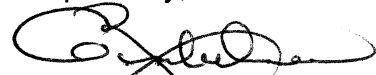
This letter is provided in support of the Prairie Winds Farm Project. The need for additional generation coupled with the positive economic impact to the region make completion of the wind project south of Minot imperative to the well-being of those who live in our community. As the Mayor of Minot, I wish to show overwhelming support for the project.

The wind leases are economically beneficial for the landowners who live in the area and the use of wind helps to lower the carbon dioxide levels from generation. In addition to the landowners, the entire community will realize a positive economic impact from this project through increased jobs, taxes, and local power generation.

North Dakota has one of the best wind resources in the country. All of us, as a community, support the efforts to harness this resource and provide an environmentally friendly source of power both to our community and other communities throughout the Midwest. As a community, we oppose overly restrictive regulations that would render the project unbuildable. We support an expeditious approach to the Environmental Impact Statement which would help to move wind projects forward and not stall them in a regulatory quagmire.

I encourage you to take a good sense approach with the Environmental Impact Statement on wind development. The future economic development of our community depends on this good sense.

Respectfully,



Curt Zimbelman
Mayor
Minot, North Dakota

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