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Your Honor:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to air my views on the Blackfork Wind Project.

Electricity is vital to our business of providing the raw product of those delicious, nutritious dairy products. The fact is that every year we use more electricity and the price per kilowatt continuously increases.

With the difficulty of bringing new conventional generation on line, wind generation will help insure the availability of electric power for our increasing needs.

The reality that some of the electricity will be generated on our family's Fifth Generation "Century Farm" will insure that our increasing needs will be able to be met at an affordable price for generations to come.

I feel the Blackfork Wind Project will be a huge benefit to this community. Not only from the taxes which will be collected by the county treasurer from Element Power then distributed to local schools and townships, But also the income taxes collected from the <sup>landowners</sup> ~~lessons~~ by the school districts and the state which are distributed back to local entities.

In the line of community development and growing a tax base this project has a plus. In that often things that grow the tax base end up costing the local governments more in schools, security forces, roads, water and sewer development than the amount the tax base increases. Other than the initial construction this project would have very little local government expense. Blackfork Wind Project should provide a stable source of income, immune to economic Highs and Lows.

I have found Element Power with Scott ~~Harkin~~ and Dennis Rice to be good  
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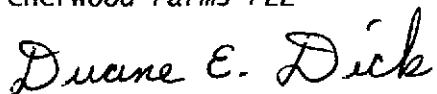
to work with. They have addressed my concerns of maintaining our drainage systems, the location of the roads and towers. This will benefit our farm operation as opposed to being detrimental to it.

I am sure when heavy equipment, trucks and turbin blades show up to begin construction on my farm, I will be quite uneasy, and would like it to just go away. However, I feel confident that when construction is finished and the turbines start producing electricity, the long term benefits will negate the construction woes.

Thank you for your time in consideration of this testimony in favor of the Blackfork Wind Energy Project. I remain.

Sincerely;

Cherwood Farms PLL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane E. Dick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Duane E. Dick, Senior Partner