

STRAIGHT TALK -- INDUSTRIAL WIND FARMS

PROPERTY VALUE LOSSES AND PROPERTY RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Wind industry lobbyists and developers are not telling people the whole story. So that you may have an informed opinion about industrial wind, below are some important facts about the industry that these groups are not likely to share.

1. WE-CARE supports safe, responsibly sited, truly renewable energy generation opportunities. None have been proposed for Lincoln County. What Dakota Power Community Wind has proposed does not meet any of those goals.
2. Many studies show that industrial wind zones cause property and home value losses of 25%-50% or more for 10 miles in all directions.
3. Both the US and South Dakota constitutions guarantee and protect the right to quiet use and enjoyment of one's property from the intrusion and disturbances caused by others.
4. Five Hundred foot tall industrial wind towers with turbines as loud as jackhammers on adjoining property disturb and violate the rights of neighboring property owners at all times.
5. Private for-profit industrial wind facilities are NOT public utilities and may not infringe on the rights of non-participating properties
6. Every property owner has the right to use his property as they wish, but those rights end at the property line. No one has the right to infringe on the rights of neighboring property without permission
7. Based on history and evidence found in dozens of studies, the property value diminution in Lincoln County due to the Dakota Power Community Wind proposal could be expected exceed \$150 million.



WE-CARE is a state and national 501(c) not-for-profit, community service organization in southeast South Dakota. Our mission is to provide information about issues affecting the future of our communities and the futures of the people who call them home. The goal of our all-local, all-volunteer membership is to provide balance to the information available to people about those important issues so they can make informed decisions about what is right for their families and communities. Our expenses are 100% funded by contributions of people from South Dakota.

WE-CARE formed in 2014 in response to the activities in Lincoln County SD by Dakota Power Community Wind, a for-profit, wind energy speculator. Since that time we have researched and studied the issues and problems of industrial wind energy conversion. We work to provide everyone access to factual information and resources that wind speculators and lobbyists are not likely to share or acknowledge. For more information please visit our website or contact us.

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