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Dan Wolf, Executive Director
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Docket Number: IP-6946/WS-17-410
121 7th Pl E #350, St Paul, MN 55101

Dear Executive Director Wolf,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent Melville Nickerson, Director of Government Relations for Invenergy. Invenergy is currently working on getting approval for an 83 megawatt wind farm (Freeborn Wind) in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

Invenergy's proposal has been presented before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Docket IP-6946/WS-17-410, but is facing local opposition primarily based around public health concerns. The proposed project has the potential to develop the region economically, provide residents with both short and long-term employment, and generate revenue through taxes and capital investment. Additionally, this project would further demonstrate Minnesota's commitment to developing environmentally responsible and safe forms of energy production.

I ask that you provide fair and thorough consideration to Invenergy's proposal, with attention to the support garnered from local and regional organizations and the strong support voiced by environmental conservation and clean energy groups. I believe that Invenergy's proposal would result in positive gains for Freeborn County and the State of Minnesota as a whole.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim J. Walz".

Tim Walz
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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