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PSC Hearing Official Comments  
 Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm  
 Schuyler County School Multipurpose Room

Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc, (K-REDI) supports the building of the High Prairie Wind Farm Project in Schuyler and Adair Counties. Additionally, K-REDI supports the purchase of the wind farm by Ameren Missouri upon its completion.

The High Prairie Wind Farm Project has worked in a positive manner with land-owners to tentatively acquire the needed land through lease payment agreements. The attainment of these leases were not only supported by the landowners but encouraged by the community. Ameren Missouri has been a long-time, reliable provider of electric service that has expanded to meet our local needs and planned for future potential growth. They are a valued member of our community. We are excited to see Ameren's investment in clean renewable energy through wind. We appreciate and value turning our wind power into electricity. Ameren has a track record of community involvement and that is what makes them someone we not only support but encourage in this endeavor.

As the region's economic development organization, we cannot emphasize enough the value of this wind farm project to our region, the economic impact will be transformative. The millions in land lease payments each year, and the long term expectation of jobs and ongoing investment will positively impact our region for decades. We ask for your support in making this project a reality.

Our understanding is that some questions exist as to the assessment of the wind farm upon completion, and we support a solution to keep assessment at the local level throughout the life of the project.

Sincerely,

Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc.

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 Executive Director

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 Board President

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