



September 24, 2024

McPherson County
Board of County Commissioners
Planning & Zoning Commission
c/o Hunter Heinrich
P.O. Box 50
Leola, SD 57456
Via E-mail: mcpersondoe@valleytel.net

Re: Proposed Ordinance #2024-1

Dear Board of County Commissioners and Planning & Zoning Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in updating McPherson County's zoning ordinance. We truly appreciated the time and consideration the Planning & Zoning Commission dedicated to discussing our comments to the ordinance during the meeting on September 10, 2024. After reviewing the recent updates, we have no further comments on the zoning ordinance at this time.

As you may know, National Grid Renewables is developing the Leola Wind Farm, a 400+ megawatt wind energy project comprised of approx. 60,000 acres of voluntarily leased land in McPherson County. The project will support the local economy by providing lease payments to landowners, creating jobs, generating significant local tax revenue, and contributing to community initiatives through our charitable funding.

We appreciate the hard work of McPherson County Staff, the Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners in crafting fair and reasonable zoning ordinances that benefit the McPherson County community, and all parties involved. We will strive to develop the Leola Wind Farm in accordance with the zoning ordinance and bring the many benefits of this project to life.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project further, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Chad Peterson via telephone at 952.206.8747 or via e-mail at cpeterson@nationalgridrenewables.com. We look forward to working with McPherson County on the Leola Wind Farm and continuing to build strong, long-lasting relationships with the community.

Sincerely,

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Lawler", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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