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Chairman Sandy Jones
Commissioner Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner Valerie Espinoza
Commissioner Cynthia B. Hall
Commissioner Lynda Lovejoy
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
1120 Paseo de Peralta
PERA Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Chairman Jones,

This letter expresses that the Roosevelt County Community Development Corporation (RCCDC) strongly supports the proposed Sagamore Wind Project in Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

The RCCDC applauds Xcel Energy for acquiring this project as it will bring tremendous economic development to our area. The Sagamore project will be located approximately 20 miles south of Portales. The project's boundary will encompass approximately 100,000 acres involving up to 80 Roosevelt County landowners. Approximately 60% of the land will be leased for use by Xcel Energy to construct and operate the wind farm. The project is estimated to create up to 300 jobs during construction, and 20 to 30 full-time operations jobs when completed.

We see tremendous opportunity with the construction of this wind farm in our county that will create a large amount of jobs during construction, spur economic activity with our hotel lodging, apartments and home rentals, restaurants, supply stores, gasoline purchases, and increased revenue to project landowners that in turn circulates within the county. Once these projects are completed, the permanent jobs typically go to residents in our community or county.

Xcel Energy is a true partner to Portales and eastern New Mexico; therefore we encourage fair and timely regulatory decisions so not to jeopardize Xcel Energy's further investments in the state.

Sincerely,

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