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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
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Re: Application by Buffalo Ridge II LLC
EL08-031

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for filing please find the Petition of H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Intervene which I ask you file in regards to the above-referenced matter.

Very truly,

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	DOCKET NUMBER EL08-031
BY BUFFALO RIDGE II LLC, A SUBSIDIARY)	
OF IBERDROLA RENEWABLES, INC., FOR AN)	
ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY PERMIT)	PETITION OF
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUFFALO)	H-D ELECTRIC
RIDGE II WIND FARM AND ASSOCIATED)	COOPERATIVE, INC.
COLLECTION SUBSTATION AND ELECTRIC)	TO INTERVENE
INTERCONNECTION SYSTEM)	

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. (H-D Electric) by its undersigned counsel, petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. H-D Electric is a rural electric cooperative with its principal office located in Clear Lake, South Dakota. H-D Electric provides retail electric service to more than 2700 members in eastern South Dakota and Minnesota, including members in Deuel County and Brookings County.

2. Buffalo Ridge II, LLC (Buffalo Ridge II) has filed an Application with this Commission (EL08-031) seeking an Energy Conversion Facility Permit to construct and operate the Buffalo Ridge II Wind Farm and Associated Collection Substation and Interconnection Systems.

3. The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a wind farm on up to 77 acres dispersed throughout portions of up to 77 sections of land in Brookings and Deuel County as well as a 13-mile long 115 kilovolt overhead transmission line. The proposed wind farm could have a name plate capacity of up to 306 megawatts.

4. H-D Electric's interests in this docket include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) That portions of Buffalo Ridge II Wind Farm will be located within the service territory of H-D Electric.

(b) That Buffalo Ridge II (and future similar facilities) be required to purchase station power from the electric service providers in whose territories the facilities are located, consistent with South Dakota's Territorial Laws, and that Buffalo Ridge II be required to provide to the incumbent electric service providers all easements necessary for the provisioning of station power to Buffalo Ridge II.

(c) That the proposed Buffalo Ridge II collector lines are for the transmission of wholesale power only and that neither Buffalo Ridge II nor any purchasing entity(ies) be allowed to use collector lines to deliver retail service to any customers in the incumbent electric service provider's territory, as said retail service should be provided by the assigned electric provider.

(d) According to the maps filed with the Commission, the proposed Buffalo Ridge II collector lines will intersect H-D Electric's facilities at several locations. H-D Electric's interest is that all crossings will be completed in a sound and safe manner, from an engineering perspective.

5. H-D Electric believes that the issues presented in the Buffalo Ridge II Application directly affect it and its members. H-D Electric requests that the Commission examine the Application of Buffalo Ridge II in this docket in a manner that does not result in an erosion of South Dakota's territorial laws, which would be detrimental to H-D Electric and to its members.

6. The issues presented in this docket and H-D Electric's proposed intervention

constitute matters of public interest, especially to the preservation and integrity of the South Dakota Territorial Act. Thus, denial of this Petition would be detrimental to the public interest and is likely to result in a miscarriage of justice.

WHEREFORE, H-D Electric requests that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding, to examine and cross-examine witnesses, conduct discovery and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2008

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 29th day of December, 2008, I caused to be served, electronically, a true and correct copy of the PETITION OF H-D ELECTRIC TO INTERVENE to:

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