

January 31, 2018

## **VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Jon Thurber Utility Analyst South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 E Capitol Ave Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a Facility Permit for

the Crocker Wind Farm

EL 17-055

Dear Mr. Thurber:

As requested, on behalf of Crocker Wind Farm, LLC ("Crocker"), enclosed please find versions of Figures 5 and 5a-5d from Crocker's Application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a Facility Permit ("Application") that depict the following:

- Applicable Setbacks for the Crocker Wind Farm (shown in blue);
- The proposed 1,000 foot Micrositing Area around each turbine location; and
- Environmental Avoidance Areas within each 1,000 foot Micrositing Area (shown in orange), which consist of identified Dakota skipper habitat, cultural resources, United States Fish and Wildlife Service protected wetland basins, and delineated wetlands.

Please note that both confidential and public versions of the figures are enclosed. The locations of cultural resources are included as Environmental Avoidance Areas in the confidential version of the figures, and omitted in the public version of the figures.

We hope that the enclosed figures help depict the limited scope of Crocker's turbine micrositing flexibility proposal. As shown in the figures, and explained in Section 4.2 of Crocker's Application, the proposed 1,000 foot Micrositing Area is limited by Crocker's commitments to comply with all applicable Setbacks and avoid the specified Environmental Avoidance Areas. Additionally, Crocker's proposal is further limited by the noise level requirement and voluntary

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shadow flicker commitment identified in Table 8-1 of the Application, which are not shown on the figures as those areas must be identified through specific modeling.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the figures further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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