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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

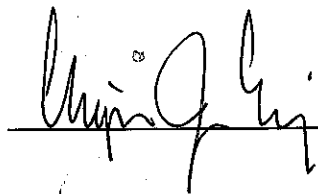
COUNTY OF CODINGTON } ss

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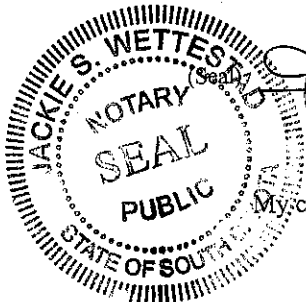
Wednesday, the 9th day of May 2018,

Wednesday, the 23rd day of May 2018,

that the full amount of the fee charged for publishing the same, including a \$5.00 affidavit fee, to-wit, the sum of \$570.80 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for the division of the fee has been made with any person, and that no part of the fee has been agreed to be paid to any other person.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of May A.D. 2018.



Jackie S. Wette
Notary Public, South Dakota

My commission expires October 20, 2022.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: Permit to Construct a 230 kV Transmission Line - Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC - An approximately 7-mile, 230 kV Transmission line and associated facilities in Codrington County, South Dakota.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. CDT.

WHERE: Waverly-South Shore School Gymnasium, 319 Mary Place, Waverly, South Dakota

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input hearing at the above time and place on an application to construct a 230 kV Transmission Line and associated facilities (Project). Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Crowned Ridge) proposes to construct an approximately 7-mile 230-kilovolt (kV) generation tie line and associated facilities from the collector substation at Crowned Ridge Wind II (CRW II) to a dead-end transmission structure adjacent to the collector substation at Crowned Ridge Wind (CRW)(Project). Utilizing a breaker position at the CRW collector substation, the 300 megawatts (MW) from CRWII will be aggregated with the 300 MW from the CRW collector substation and conjoined to the Crowned Ridge 230 kV generation tie line which will terminate at the reactive compensation substation adjacent to the Big Stone South Substation. The generation tie line will be located in Codrington County, South Dakota. The Project is expected to be in service by December 31, 2019. Crowned Ridge estimated the total construction cost of the proposed 7-mile 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be approximately \$10 million.

The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At the hearing, Applicant will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Codrington County auditor pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5) and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets, EL18-019 or by contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, or by phone at (605) 773-3201 or (800) 332-1782.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10-22:40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission. Any person residing in the area of the Project; each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the Project is proposed to be sited; any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be sited; or any interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CDT on June 11, 2018.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts. Absent a contested issue, the Commission will schedule the matter for decision at a regular or ad hoc meeting of the Commission.

For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (800) 332-1782; puc@state.sd.us; www.puc.sd.gov; 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF GRANT

} ss.

Ashlie Schweitzer

of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says that the Grant County Review is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Milbank, in said County of Grant and State of South Dakota, by Grant County Review, Inc., and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper; and that it has a bona fide circulation of more than two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said County of Grant in the English language and has been admitted to the United States mail under second class mailing privilege, for at least one year next prior to the publication of the Notice herein mentioned, and has been printed wholly in an office maintained at the said place of publication, that I, the undersigned, Bookkeeper of said newspaper, in charge of the accounts receivable department thereof, have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed Notice of Public Hearing SD Public Utilities Commission, Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for two successive weeks, on the day of each week on which the said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

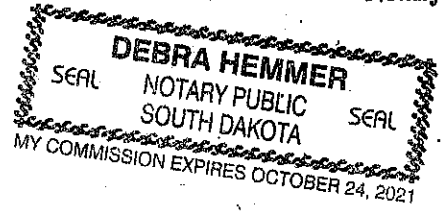
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That \$ 315.00, being the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of said Notice, inures to the benefit of the publisher of the Grant County Review; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Ashlie Schweitzer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of May 2018

Debra Hemmer
Notary Public, Grant County, South Dakota



Publication Fee \$ 315.00
Notarial Fee \$ _____
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: Permit to Construct a 230 kV Transmission Line and associated facilities for Ridge Wind II, LLC - An approximate 2.5 mile transmission line and associated facilities in the Crowned Ridge area of South Dakota.
WHEN: Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 5:30 PM
WHERE: Waverly-South Shore School Gymnasium, 319 Mary Place, Waverly, South Dakota

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input hearing at the above time and location for the proposed 230 kV Transmission Line and associated facilities (CRWII) (Crowned Ridge) proposes to construct an approximate 2.5 mile transmission line and associated facilities from the collector substation to a dead-end transmission structure adjacent to the collector substation (CRWII) (Project). Utilizing a breaker position at the CRWII (MW) from CRWII will be aggregated with the 300 MW generation tie to the Big Stone compensation substation adjacent to the Big Stone substation. The CRWII will be located in Codington County, South Dakota. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2019. Crowned Ridge estimated the total cost of the 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be approximately \$10 million. The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear from interested parties regarding the Application and the Project. At the hearing, Applicant will answer questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps, will be available on the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under the heading "Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets, EL18-019 or by contacting the Commission at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, 332-1782. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22-4, any person or entity, including each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area, may be granted party status in this proceeding. Applications for party status will be available on the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission on or before May 30, 2018. Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a public hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such public hearing, the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapter 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal, will be provided. If the Commission decides to issue the permit, the Commission will schedule the matter for decision. For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed project will not pose a threat of serious injury to the economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants, will not impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not impede the development of the region with due consideration having been given to the needs and wishes of the affected local units of government. Based upon the information provided, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or if modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the project are required. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing will be held at an accessible location. Please contact the Commission at the above location if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to ensure your participation. Contact information is: ph (800) 332-1782; puc@state.sd.gov; Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
County of Codington

Thursday, May 24, 2018

GLENN ELMORE of said county being duly sworn on oath say, that he is the Publisher of the SOUTH SHORE GAZETTE, a weekly newspaper printed and published in South Shore, in said County of Codington, and have full and personal knowledge of all facts herein stated: that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bonafide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of this notice herein mentioned at said place of publication, that the notice

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a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once in each week for 2 successive weeks on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

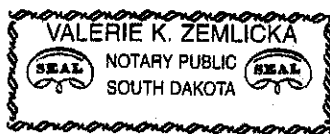
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that the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of such notice insures to the benefit of the publisher of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever, and that the fees charged for the publication there-

of are\$ 184.00
Glenn E. Elmore
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May 2018
Valerie K. Zemlicka
Notary Public
Codington County, SD.

My commission expires 11/6/2020



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