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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 Millbank, 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, Dakota Range Wind Energy 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:

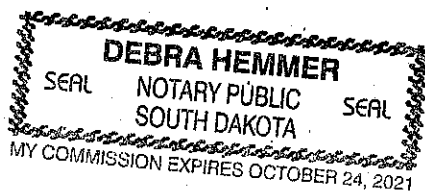
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That \$ 285.00, being the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of said Notice, inures to the benefit of the publisher of the Grant County Review; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March 2018

Debra Hemmer
Notary Public, Grant County, South Dakota



NOTICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY

WHAT: Permit to Construct the Dakota Range Wind Project (Project), a wind energy facility located on approximately 45,000 acres in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota, northeast of Watertown, South Dakota.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Waverly-South Shore School Gymnasium, 319 Mary Place, Waverly, S.D.

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 regarding the Dakota Range Wind Project (Project), a wind energy facility located on approximately 45,000 acres in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota, northeast of Watertown, South Dakota. The total installed capacity of the Project is approximately 100 MW nameplate capacity. The proposed project includes roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground power lines connecting the turbines to the collection substation, and communications co-located with the collector lines, a to five permanent meteorological towers; and operations would interconnect to the high-voltage transmission line 345-kV transmission line which crosses the Project site.

The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear the Applicant and the Commission. At the hearing, Applicant will present information regarding the Project. A copy of the Application is on file with the Commission pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5) and at the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under Code of Public Utilities, 2018 Electric Dockets, EL18-003 or at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, 57501-3322.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22, the Commission will currently the Applicant and the Commission. Any person or entity, including each municipality, county, and governmental agency in which the Project is to be sited; any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part for the purpose of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is sited; any interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding before the Commission. Applications for party status will be available for review and be obtained from the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission. Party status must be received by the Commission on or before the date of the public input hearing.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may refer the matter to the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such time as the Commission determines an opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses, all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the Commission will schedule the matter for decision at a regular meeting of the Commission.

For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed Project, as approved, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants, or to the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and that the development of the region with due consideration having been given to the needs of the affected local units of government. Based upon the information presented, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or granted with conditions or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Project. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing will be held at an accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 10 business days before the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to a hearing accessible location. Contact information is: ph (800) 332-1782; www.puc.sd.gov; Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. Published twice by the South Dakota

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