

July 2, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: In the Matter of the Application by Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC for to the for an Energy Facility Permit in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota, for the Dakota Range Wind Project EL18-003

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In connection with the above-referenced matter, enclosed please find the following documents:

1. Applicants' Post Hearing Brief (Public Version);
2. Applicants' Post-Hearing Brief (Confidential Version);
3. Applicants' Recommended Permit Conditions;
4. Applicants' Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order;
5. Applicants' Recommended Permit Condition 40 and Proposed Findings of Fact 65 (Confidential); and
6. Certificates of Service.

The Post-Hearing Brief (Confidential Version) and Applicants' Recommended Permit Condition 40 and Proposed Findings of Fact 65 (Confidential) contain information relating to the turbine safety manual admitted as confidential Exhibit A22 ("Manual") in accordance with the June 13, 2018 letter from South Dakota Public Utilities Commission attorney Adam de Hueck. The Manual contains propriety trade secret information belonging to Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc. ("Vestas"). The information contained in the Manual would provide an advantage to a competitor if known. Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC ("Apex"), on behalf of

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itself and Vestas, requests that the document be maintained confidential in perpetuity. Questions regarding this confidentiality request can be directed to the undersigned, Mollie Smith. Confidentiality is requested for this trade secret information pursuant to SDCL Section 1-27-1.5 and ARSD 20:10:01:39 – 20:10:01:45. The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality is that the information is proprietary trade secret information and subject to a non-disclosure agreement between Vestas and Apex.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mollie M. Smith

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Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service/Service Lists (*via e-mail*)