

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION BY DAKOTA RANGE  
I, LLC AND DAKOTA RANGE II, LLC  
FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY  
FACILITY IN GRANT COUNTY AND  
CODINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH  
DAKOTA, FOR THE DAKOTA RANGE  
WIND PROJECT**

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**STAFF'S ADDITIONAL  
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS**

**EL18-003**

COMES NOW Commission Staff by and through its attorneys of record and hereby files the following recommended conditions. These conditions have been agreed to by Staff and Applicant and are supplementary to those included in Exhibit A18. These conditions are the same as those Applicant's proposed conditions numbers 37, 38, and 39. Staff does not take a position on Applicant's proposed confidential condition. Staff does not object to Applicant's proposed condition 41, but defers to Applicant and the effected landowners.

1. If the Project is decommissioned, Applicant will follow Section 24 of the Application, the decommissioning plan laid out in Appendix P of the Application, as supplemented by the Applicant in Exhibit A4-2, and answers to Staff's Data Requests in Exhibit S1. The Commission shall be notified prior to any decommissioning action.
  
2. If the Applicant is purchased by Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, as stated in Section 7.0 of the Application, Xcel Energy will assume financial responsibility for decommissioning and provide funding for the decommissioning and removal of the Project. As a regulated electric utility, the projected financial cost of decommissioning will be reviewed when Xcel Energy requests recovery of the Project investment and associated decommissioning cost from customers in a rate proceeding. The Commission may review and adjust the Project decommissioning cost recovered from customers in subsequent Xcel Energy rate proceedings using the most current information available regarding decommissioning. In the event that Xcel Energy does not purchase the Applicant, the Applicant shall file a decommissioning plan with a proposal for financial assurance, at least sixty days prior to construction, for Commission approval. No construction may occur until the Commission approves the decommissioning plan.

3. Applicant's proposed turbine shifts, identified as Turbine 34a, Turbine 60a, and Turbine A12a in Exhibit A15-3, are hereby incorporated into the approved Project configuration.

Staff requests that if a permit is granted, it be granted subject to the above conditions, as well as those in Exhibit A18, subject to any grammatical and clerical corrections the Commission might make.

Dated this 2nd day of July 2018.



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