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Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

RE: EL18-046-In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Range III, LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility and a 345-kV Transmission Line in Grant and Roberts Counties

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

On September 9, 2019, Dakota Range III, LLC filed a letter in the docket requesting an exemption from Condition 36 of the Settlement Stipulation, adopted by the Commission. Condition 36 requires Dakota Range III, LLC to arrange for a Commission approved Public Liaison officer for the project. Staff has discussed this matter with Dakota Range III, LLC and does not oppose the request for an exemption.

If the Commission does grant the request, Staff does request that Dakota Range III specify in its landowner mailing that the Consumer Affairs Division of the Public Utilities Commission is a point of contact for any concerns that arise from this project. Staff also requests that Dakota Range III assign a point of contact to coordinate with the PUC's Consumer Affairs Division.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

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