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

**RE: Application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility and a 345-kV Transmission Line in Grant and Roberts Counties
Docket EL18-046**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In connection with the above-referenced matter, Dakota Range III, LLC, writes to notify the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission that Dakota Range III, LLC, has been acquired by ENGIE IR Holdings LLC (“ENGIE”) and is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of ENGIE. ENGIE is part of the ENGIE Group, which is the largest independent power producer in the world and a leading utility supply operator with total installed power capacity of 115.3 gigawatts (“GW”) and 230 district heating and cooling energy systems under management. ENGIE and its affiliates have operated in North America for more than 40 years and manage installed power generation capacity of 13 GW, supplying electricity to 12 deregulated states. ENGIE’s North American operations also include providing energy procurement, utility services, and operations and maintenance services to 150 higher education and healthcare facilities.

ENGIE’s North American portfolio of solar PV and wind projects constructed and under operation includes over 850 MW of wind projects and 100 MW of solar photovoltaic projects.

Additional detail regarding ENGIE and its acquisition of Dakota Range III, LLC, will be provided in forthcoming supplemental testimony. Please contact me if you have any questions about this filing.

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