

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
County of Roberts } ss.

Terry O'Keefe of said county, being first duly sworn, on oath says, that he is publisher of THE WILMOT ENTERPRISE, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Wilmot, in said county of Roberts, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bonafide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for 52 successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned, and was and is printed wholly or in part in an office maintained at said place of publication; that the Notice of Public Hearing - Dakota Range III, 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 in each week for 2 successive weeks, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

11-22, 2018
12-13, 2018

that the full amount of the fee is charged for publication of said Notice insures to the benefit of the publisher of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for the division there has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever and that the fees charged for the publication there of are \$ 220.50

Terry O'Keefe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of

December, A.D., 2018

LeeAnn McLaughlin

Notary Public, Roberts County, South Dakota

My commission expires June 19, 2021

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: Permit for Dakota Range III, LLC to Construct a Wind Energy Facility and a 345 KV Transmission Line in Grant and Roberts Counties

WHEN: Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. CST

WHERE: Summit School, 400 Sherman Ave., Summit, SD

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 on an application by Dakota Range III, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of AmeriClean Energy Holdings, LLC (Dakota Range or Applicant) to construct an approximately 2-mile 345-Kilovolt (KV) interconnection transmission line and an up to 161.2-megawatt (MW) wind energy conversion facility (Project). The Project will be in Grant and Roberts Counties, South Dakota, with the wind portion in an 18,717-acre area. The transmission line will run from the Project's substation located in section 13 of Blooming Valley Township, outside the public right of way along 457th Avenue, turning east on Fairington Township's 150th Street to the switchyard owned by Ottertail Power, located in section 14 of Mazopod Township. The project is expected to be in service by December 31, 2020, with a total of up to 42 wind turbines and associated facilities. Dakota Range estimates the total cost of the proposed Project to be approximately \$200 million.

The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At the hearing, Applicant will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Grant County Auditor and the Roberts County Auditor pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5) and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at www.pucl.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets, EL-18-046 or by contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD, or by phone at (605) 773-3801 or (800) 332-1782.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10-22-01, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission. Any person residing in the area of the Project, each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the Project is proposed to be sited, any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be sited or any interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by filing written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CST on December 26, 2018.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10-01 and 20:10-22, including rights of appeal to the courts. Absent a contested issue, the Commission will schedule the matter for decision at a regular or ad hoc meeting of the Commission.

For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the sited area, will not substantially impact the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (605) 332-1782; www.pucl.sd.gov; 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

Published notice by the South Dakota PUC at a total approximate cost of \$291.00.

Public Notices...

Wilmot School District #547 School Board Proceedings

SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15TH, 2018
 Pursuant to this notice, the Board of Education of the Wilmot School District #547 met in a special meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, 2018 in Room 309. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a possible all sports on one with Waubay and Summit.
 Members Present: Lulkemeier, Ammann, Ebben, Green, Helije, Jurgens, Ramund
 Others in Attendance: Supt./Prin.

Hulsecher, Prin. Frederick, Stacey DaBar (Terry O'Keefe, Charyl Roebig, Lori & Maci Kaufman, Dave & Tara Anderson, Robert Reathar, Laurie & Madison Hulsecher, Bailey Geroll, Stephanie Harrgrave, Shelly Tamers, Grant Rodilly, Bonnie McIlroy, and Pierson Van Bock, Karlene Cambron, Terra Burns, Halby Madsen, Devin Pedersen, Parker Slooge, Jackie Rasmussen, Tim & Janelle Reynolds, Alex Reynolds, Rich Porter, Derek & Megan Pedersen, Brandi Haubris, Dale & Rosie Deery, Patrick Silveira, Arac Harstad, Rob, Emma, & Trevor Grainer, Christian & Jamie Poes, Casey & Jacque Cameron.

Shirley Jurgens, Mike, Penny, & Jill Davis, Dick Renalt, John & Brayden Ebben, Cindy Argo, Rozana Dockett, Allison Dockett, Ashley & Brader Conrad, Jamie Meyer, Shanda Bohm, Ryan Rudebusch, Stephanie Jurgens, Duane & Colerlynn Slooge, Chuck Carter, Nathan Jurgens, Kevin Jurgens, Jerry Jurgens.

Pres. Lulkemeier convened the Board for its special session by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
ACTION NO. 18-043

Motion by Green and second by Helije to approve the agenda. Motion carried as all members voted aye.

Supt. Hulsecher presented information about sports participation numbers. The meeting was opened for public comments.
ACTION NO. 18-044

Motion by Ebben and second by Helije to adjourn. Motion carried as all members voted aye. 8:18 p.m.

Date: Dennis Lulkemeier, Board Chairman
 Stacey DaBar, Business Manager
 Published upon at the total approximate cost of \$18.00 (Nov. 22, 2018)

Ammanns receive RCD honor

Roberts Conservation District would like to congratulate Rick and Shelly Ammann for being the recipients of the 2018 South Dakota Soil Conservation Award. Rick and Shelly have been actively farming and ranching in Roberts County for many years with the goal of increasing productivity through active conservation efforts.

By using rotational grazing, cross fencing, and creating more water facilities for their Red Angus herd, they have increased grass production, plant diversity and their livestock's overall health. Diverses crop rotations, reduced till crop production, and their grasslands are all managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff to increase and preserve soil health.

Through the years, the Ammann's have been active participants in NRCS conservation programs that include both Conservation Stewardship Pro-

gram (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Through these programs, the Ammann's have experienced increased quality in their water sources through installed rural water, a well, water pipelines, water facilities, and dugouts. Rick and Shelly have installed cross-fences for rotational grazing, better grazing distribution, and increased rangeland health. Their management practices are very successful, and they have potential for increased carrying capacity in their pastures.

For the past several years, they have planted cover crops following the small grain crop through CSP to improve soil health. By using reduced tillage on a corn, bean, and small grain rotation with alfalfa and annual forages, they have increased both productivity and organic matter on their cropland.

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Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20-10-22-40, the parties to the proceeding who currently file Applications with the Commission. Any person residing in the area of the Project, each municipality, county and governmental agency in the area where the Project is proposed to be sited, any nonprofit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological value, to preserve historical sites, to provide consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial interests or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be sited or any interested person may be granted party status in the proceeding by making written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or they may be obtained from the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CST on December 20, 2018.

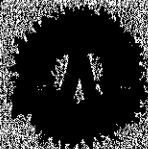
Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 49-10 to consider any issues raised by any interested party. The Commission's staff or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties. Witnesses that cooperate in other rights afforded by SDCL Chapter 49-10, 49-11 and ARSD Chapters 20-10-01 and 20-10-22, including rights of appeal to the courts. Absent a contested hearing, the Commission will schedule the matter for a desk-staff appeal or a live hearing of the Commission.

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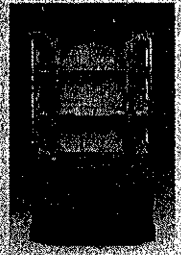
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