

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CROWNED RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR A FACILITIES PERMIT TO
CONSTRUCT A 300.6 MEGAWATT WIND FACILITY**

Docket No. EL19-

DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

OF DARYL HART

July 9, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAMES AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. Daryl Hart. My business address is 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, Florida, 33408.

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am employed by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (“NEER”) a Director of Business Development at NEER. I am responsible for commercial aspects of the up to 300.6 megawatt Crowned Ridge II wind generation project (“Project”). I also support Tyler Wilhelm on development and permitting.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS.

A. I have been employed by NEER since 2007 in various roles including wind farm design, utility distribution project management, and renewable energy business development on NEER’s Midcontinent Development team. As a Director of Business Development, I have developed or overseen the development of wind energy projects in eight states with the most recent wind energy center declaring commercial operations on December 23, 2018. Prior to joining NEER, I spent ten years as an officer in the United States Air Force. I received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a Masters of Business Administration from Auburn University in 2003 and a Master of Science in Finance from Pennsylvania State University in 2015.

1 **Q. HAS THIS TESTIMONY BEEN PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR**
2 **DIRECT SUPERVISION?**

3 A. Yes.

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5 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE**
6 **COMMISSION OF SOUTH DAKOTA?**

7 A. No.

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PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF THE TESTIMONY.**

11 A. The purpose of our testimony is to provide an overview of the build-own-transfer
12 (“BOT”) of the Project to Northern States Power and break down of the tax benefits
13 associated with the Project.

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OVERVIEW OF BOT

16 **Q. EXPLAIN WHY THE WIND FACILITY IS NEEDED.**

17 A. On July 6, 2017, the Minnesota Public Service Commission approved NSP Petition for
18 Approval of the Acquisition of Wind Generation from the Company’s 2016-2030
19 Integrated Resource Plan, which included NSP’s purchase and sale agreement (“PSA”)
20 with CRW II. Similarly, the North Dakota Public Service Commission issued an order
21 approving an advance determination of prudence for the PPA between NSP and CRW II
22 on December 6, 2018.

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1 **Q. WHO WILL CONSTRUCT THE PROJECT?**

2 A. CRW II will construct the Project.

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4 **Q. WHO WILL OWN, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN THE PROJECT?**

5 A. Under the PSA, the Project entity, CRW II, will be transferred to NSP prior to the
6 commercial operations date. CRW II will own, operate, and maintain the Project after
7 the transfer to NSP as a subsidiary of NSP.

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10 **TAX BENEFITS OF THE WIND FACILITY**

11 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE TAX BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE**
12 **PROJECT?**

13 A. The tax benefits associated with the Project include: (1) increasing sales/use tax and
14 contractor excise tax revenues; and (2) the generation of property tax revenues of
15 approximately \$39 million over the contracted life of the Project. I have provided a
16 breakdown of the sales/use tax and contractor excise tax revenues in Exhibit DH-2.

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18 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

19 A. Yes, it does.

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STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

I, Daryl Hart, being duly sworn on oath, depose and state that I am the witness identified in the foregoing prepared testimony and I am familiar with its contents, and that the facts set forth are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Daryl Hart

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of
June 2019.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

