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**RE: In the Matter of the Application by Triple H Wind Project, LLC for a Permit to Construct and Operate the Triple H Wind Project in Hyde County, South Dakota EL19-007**  
**Our File: 7446**

Dear Folks:

On behalf of Triple H Wind Project, LLC, I am pleased to give you notice of an upcoming public input hearing convened by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to present a brief description of the project in which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments and questions regarding the application.

You are receiving this notice because you are the landowner of record for property within the affected area in Hyde County in South Dakota.

Pursuant to law, the Public Utilities Commission will hold a public meeting to take comments from the public. The meeting will be held:

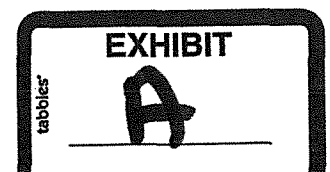
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the Hyde County Memorial Auditorium, Highmore, S.D.**

Triple H Wind Project, LLC will present a short presentation designed to give context to the comments of the public regarding the proposal. The great bulk of the time will be reserved for accepting public comments on the proposal. You can learn more about the proposal by accessing a copy of the Application online at the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website:

<http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-007.aspx>

Under state law, (SDCL 49-41B) Triple H Wind Project, LLC must have a permit from the PUC prior to beginning construction. Accordingly, the Public Utilities Commission will hold further formal proceedings concerning the application. You have the right to become a formal party. The formal hearing will be unlike the public meeting listed above, and instead will be an adversary proceeding, at which the rules of evidence will be applied. Any formal party has the right to be present, and to be represented by a lawyer. Any formal party could appeal from an adverse decision of the PUC, to Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court. Those rights would be forfeited if not exercised.

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The date and place for that formal hearing has not yet been set. At that hearing, witnesses will provide sworn testimony and be examined by lawyers for the parties. Additionally, there will be intermediate steps taken prior to that hearing for the parties to prepare, including discovery in the form of written interrogatories and depositions.

You should also be aware that the PUC has a professional staff of lawyers and analysts and engineers to review the application, engage in discovery and take evidence. The PUC staff acts in the interest of the public. The PUC staff may also contract with a number of outside expert witnesses. Those people will help staff review the application and will provide evidence to the Commissioners, on behalf of the public, including people like yourself. The cost of the staff's time and their expert witnesses is paid for by Triple H Wind Project, LLC, as required by law.

Additionally, we have filed copies of the Application with the Hyde County Auditor and the Application can be viewed there.

Thank you very much for your interest in this project.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brett Koenecke".

BRETT KOENECKE  
BK/amc

Enclosure

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

- WHAT:** Permit to Construct the Triple H Wind Energy Facility located on approximately 27,247.5 acres of land in Hyde County, South Dakota, in the townships of Eagle, Chapelle, Highmore, and Holabird
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. CDT
- WHERE:** Hyde County Memorial Auditorium, Highmore, S.D.

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 to construct the Triple H Wind Energy Facility (Project), a wind energy facility located on approximately 27,247.5 acres of land in Hyde County, South Dakota, in the townships of Eagle, Chapelle, Highmore, and Holabird, South Dakota. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 250.24 MW nameplate capacity. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 250.24 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 92 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground 34.5-kilovolt (kV) electrical collector lines, underground fiber-optic cable, a 34.5-kV to 345-kV collection substation, one permanent meteorological tower, a 345-kV interconnection switching station, a Sonic Detection and Ranging Unit, and an operations and maintenance facility. The Project will interconnect to the high-voltage transmission grid via the Leland Olds to Fort Thompson 345-kV transmission line, which crosses the Project Area.

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 Hyde 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.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2019 Electric Dockets; EL19-007 or by contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, or by phone at (605) 773-3201 or (800) 332-1782.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, 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 making 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 5:30 p.m. CDT on March 19, 2019.

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 siting area, will not substantially impair 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 (800) 332-1782; [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov); [puc@state.sd.us](mailto:puc@state.sd.us); 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.