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approximately 27,900 acres of land in Deuel County South Dakota, in the townships of Blom, Brandt, Grange, Hidewood, and Scandinavia

WHEN: Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. CDT

WHERE: Deubrook Elementary School Gym, 695 Pallsades Toronto, South Dakota

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public U Commission will hold a public input hearing at the above time and place application to construct the Tatanka Ridge Wind Farm (Project), a wind e facility located on approximately 27,900 acres of land in Deuel County, Dakota, in the townships of Blom, Brandt, Grange, Hidewood, and Scandi The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 155 meg (MW) nameplate capacity. The proposed project includes up to 56 wind tu generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, above/underg electrical collector lines, communication systems, a collection substation permanent meteorological tower, less than 0.5-mile long 345-kV gen-tie connecting the Project, and an operations and maintenance facility. The P would interconnect to the regional electric grid via the Astoria substation, a Otter Tail Power Company interconnection substation scheduled to be opera in 2020, located in Scandinavia Township. Tatanka has entered into two purc power agreements, one with Google for 98 MW and one with Dairyland F Cooperative for the balance. The Project is expected to be completed in Applicant estimates the total construction cost to be \$216 million.

The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear public comments rega the permit Application and the Project. At the hearing, Applicant will present a description of the Project, following which interested persons may appea present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. A of the Application is on file with the Deuel County auditor pursuant to SDC 41B-15(5) and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project may be acce on the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Ac Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2019 Electric Dockets, EL19-026 contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol 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 statutory parti this proceeding are the Applicant and the Commission. Any person residin the area of the Project; each municipality, county, and governmental agen the area where the Project is proposed to be sited; any non-profit organiz formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to pr the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve histo sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and indu groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project be sited; or any interested person, may be granted party status in this proce by making written application to the Commission. Applications for party statu be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from the Commiss website or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status mu received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CDT on August 16, 2019

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a fo evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any is raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission i At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, pre evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Cha 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts.

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

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is b held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commis at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's cor information is: ph (800) 332-1782; www.puc.sd.gov; puc@state.sd 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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