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**Public Utilities Commission
Public Hearing: August 7, 2019
Tatanka Ridge Wind Farm**

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Ken Reiste

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this 31st day of July
2019


Notary Public, South Dakota

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1/20/2023
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SOUTH DAKOTA

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

WHAT: Permit to Construct the Tatanka Ridge Wind Farm on 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 Palisades Ave., Toronto, South Dakota

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 Tatanka Ridge Wind Farm (Project), a wind energy facility located on approximately 27,900 acres of land in Deuel County, South Dakota, in the townships of Blom, Brandt, Grange, Hidewood, and Scandinavia. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 155 megawatts (MW) nameplate capacity. The proposed project includes up to 56 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, above/underground electrical collector lines, communication systems, a collection substation, one permanent meteorological tower, less than 0.5-mile long 345-kV gen-tie line connecting the Project, and an operations and maintenance facility. The Project would interconnect to the regional electric grid via the Astoria substation, a new Otter Tail Power Company interconnection substation scheduled to be operational in 2020, located in Scandinavia Township. Tatanka has entered into two purchase power agreements, one with Google for 98 MW and one with Dairyland Power Cooperative for the balance. The Project is expected to be completed in 2020. Applicant estimates the total construction cost to be \$216 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 Deuel 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 under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2019 Electric Dockets, EL19-026 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 statutory parties to this proceeding are 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 5:00 p.m. CDT on August 16, 2019.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a formal

Monday, July 15, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building
125 3rd Ave S, Clear Lake, SD
Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact Suzie at the First District at 605-882-5115 at least two business days before the meeting so arrangements can be made.