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Notice Of Public Meeting PUC Permit to Construct Crowned Ridge II

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Ken Reiste

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2019


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: Permit to Construct the Crowned Ridge II Wind Farm on approximately 60,996 acres of land in Codington, Deuel, and Grant Counties, South Dakota, in the townships of Waverly, Kranzburg North, Kranzburg South, Troy, Rome, Goodwin, and Havana

WHEN: Monday, August 26, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. CDT

WHERE: Whitewood Room, Watertown Event Center, 1901 Ninth Avenue SW, Watertown, South Dakota

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input meeting at the above time and place on an application to construct the Crowned Ridge II Wind Farm (Project), a wind energy facility located on approximately 60,996 acres of land in Codington, Deuel, and Grant Counties, South Dakota, in the townships of Waverly, Kranzburg North, Kranzburg South, Troy, Rome, Goodwin, and Havana. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 301 megawatts (MW) nameplate capacity. The proposed project includes up to 132 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground 34.5 kV electrical collector lines, underground fiber-optic cable, a 34.5-kV to 230-kV collection substation, up to two permanent meteorological towers, and an operations and maintenance facility. The Project would interconnect to the Crowned Ridge II's 5-mile 230-kV transmission line. Applicant has executed a purchase and sale agreement with Northern States Power Company (NSP) to sell NSP the Project upon commercial operation. Applicant estimates the total cost of the project to be \$425 million.

The purpose of the public input meeting will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At the meeting, 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 Codington, Deuel, and Grant County auditors pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-5.2 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, EL19-027 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 staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input meeting 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 September 9, 2019.

Following the public input meeting, 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.

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 meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the meeting 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; puc@state.sd.us; 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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