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SUBJECT: EL-19-027: Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC

Dear Commissioners Hanson, Fiegen, & Nelson:

I am writing to you today regarding the Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (CRW II) wind project (Docket EL-19-027).

The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce is the one of the leading voices of economic development for many business sectors of our state. The Chamber sees wind development and generating power from this natural resource as an opportunity to strengthen the state's local economies. Localized projects such as the one being proposed by NextEra Energy will help deliver jobs during construction, full time jobs to manage and provide maintenance once built, and money in form of local taxes that will benefit communities for years to come.

Wind energy is providing a boon to the rural economy and should be supported in South Dakota.

We kindly ask that you consider granting the CRW II's request for a Facility Permit to continue their good work in our area.

Thanks to all three of for your service to all of South Dakota and to your continued support of this abundant natural resource.

Respectfully

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