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Mr. VanderWal and Ms. Smit,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Crowned Ridge II wind project siting permit request, docket EL19-027. Commissioners Nelson, Fiegen and I base our decisions on evidence presented via the docket review process, as required by law. The primary determination is whether or not the location, construction and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. These standards are provided by South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Your letter and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket, and here is a link to EL19-027, <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-027.aspx>. Here is a link to the commission's Siting Guidelines posted on the commission's website home page and in the siting docket: <https://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/el19-027/sitinghandout.pdf>.

Chairman Gary Hanson

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