

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LAWRENCE

Stewart Huntington of said County and State being first duly sworn, on his oath says: That the BLACK HILLS PIONEER is a legal daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Spearfish, in said County and State by Stewart Huntington, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said County in the English language for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice herein mentioned, and is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; and that I, Stewart Huntington, the undersigned, am the Publisher of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed:

Public Utilities Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
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a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 successive and consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 30th day of Sept, 2005 and the last publication on the _____ day of _____, _____, that the full amount of fees charged for publishing same, to-wit: The sum of \$ 256.50 insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the BLACK HILLS PIONEER, that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any other person whomsoever.

[Signature]
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Sept, 2005

[Signature]
Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota
My commission expires: 10-24-2010



Public Utilities Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held in Pierre, South Dakota, on November 14, 2005, for the adoption and amendment of proposed rules. 20:10:22:01, 20:10:22:04, 20:10:22:14, 20:10:22:15, 20:10:22:30, 20:10:22:33:01, 20:10:22:40.

The effect of the proposed rules is to change requirements for filing an application for siting of energy facilities and amend some of the rules of energy conversion and transmission.

One of the reasons for the proposed changes is the Commission's siting rules to be changed regarding the siting of wind energy facilities, a person must file an application with the Commission for approval of the proposed rules generally inform an applicant of the requirements for filing an application for siting of energy facilities to the siting rules at a wind energy facility application. Rule 20:10:22:33:01, sets forth the requirements to ensure removal. Another proposed rule decreases the required number of copies of an application to be filed and requires the application to be filed with the Commission. 20:10:22:05, requires approval from any state or federal entity.

Persons interested in presenting comments for or against the proposed rules may do so at a public hearing or by sending them to the Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must be received by the Commission by November 14, 2005.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider the proposed rules and may modify or amend a proposed rule. Matters that are described in this notice are being held in a physically accessible public hearing.

Notice is further given to individuals who are being held in a physically accessible public hearing at least 10 business days before the hearing if you have special needs for which accommodations should be made. The telephone number for the Commission is (605) 773-3201.

Copies of the proposed rules are available from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501. The proposed rules may also be viewed on the Commission's home page at <http://www.state.sd.gov/energy>.