

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	ORDER GRANTING
BUFFALO RIDGE II LLC, A SUBSIDIARY OF)	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
IBERDROLA RENEWABLES, INC. FOR AN)	OF NOTICE AND PUBLIC
ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY PERMIT)	HEARING TIME FRAME;
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUFFALO)	ORDER GRANTING
 RIDGE II WIND FARM AND ASSOCIATED)	WAIVERS AND ORDER
 COLLECTION SUBSTATION AND ELECTRIC)	EXTENDING INTERVENTION
 INTERCONNECTION SYSTEM)	DEADLINE
	EL08-031

On October 31, 2008, Buffalo Ridge II LLC, a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. (Buffalo Ridge) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of the Buffalo Ridge II Wind Farm and Associated Collection Substation and Electric Interconnection System. The applicant proposes to construct and operate a wind farm on up to 77 acres dispersed throughout portions of up to 77 sections of land in Brookings and Deuel Counties as well as a 13-mile long 115 kilovolt overhead transmission line. The proposed wind farm could have a name plate capacity of up to 306 megawatts.

On November 6, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 30, 2008, to interested individuals and entities.

The parties to this docket requested an extension of the notice and public hearing time frame pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-16 due to scheduling and notice complications and to set the hearing for January 5, 2009. Commission Staff requested waivers of SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16 and also requested that the intervention deadline be extended to January 16, 2009, to give interested parties sufficient time to seek intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-1, 49-41B-2, 49-41B-2.1, 49-41B-4, 49-41B-6, 49-41B-7, 49-41B-8, 49-41B-9, 49-41B-10, 49-41B-11, 49-41B-12, 49-41B-13, 49-41B-14, 49-41B-15, 49-41B-16, 49-41B-17, 49-41B-17.1, 49-41B-19, 49-41B-20, 49-41B-21, 49-41B-22, 49-41B-24, 49-41B-26, 49-41B-33, 49-41B-35, 49-41B-36, 49-41B-38, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

On November 25, 2008, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for an extension of the notice and public hearing time frame, the request for waivers of SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16 and the request to extend the intervention deadline. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the request for an extension of the notice and public hearing time frame and to set the hearing for January 5, 2008, to grant waivers of SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16 and to extend the intervention deadline to January 16, 2009. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for an extension of the notice and public hearing time frame is hereby granted, the waivers of SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16 are hereby granted and that the intervention deadline is hereby extended to January 16, 2009.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of December, 2008.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.

By: Delaine Kolbe

Date: 12/9/08

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner