

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
BY CROCKER WIND FARM, LLC FOR A )  
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY )  
AND A 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN )  
CLARK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR )  
CROCKER WIND FARM )**

**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF  
MOTION HEARING**

**EL17-028**

On July 25, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Crocker Wind Farm LLC (Crocker) for a wind energy facility and transmission facility permit (Application) to construct the Crocker Wind Farm and a 345 kV Transmission Line in Clark County (Project). The proposed Project is a 400 megawatt nameplate capacity wind energy facility located on approximately 29,331 acres of privately owned land in Clark County, South Dakota, approximately eight miles north of Clark, South Dakota. The proposed Project includes up to 200 wind turbines, associated access roads, a new collector substation, an operations and maintenance facility and associated 345 kilovolt transmission in Clark County, South Dakota. The Project will result in the installation of approximately six and a half miles of overhead transmission that will be wholly located within the Wind Farm's boundary. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B.

On July 27, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 25, 2017, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On August 7, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, Order for and Notice of Public Input Hearing, and Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status.

On September 28, 2017, the Commission granted party status to 44 persons represented by the law firm of Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith LLP (Intervenors), and issued a procedural schedule as submitted in Staff's Proposal for Procedural Schedule.

On October 10, 2017, the Intervenors, through counsel, filed a Motion to Deny and Dismiss Crocker Wind Farm's Application (Motion). It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing on the Motion will be held by the Commission at an ad hoc meeting on October 25, 2017, beginning at 1:00 P.M. CDT in Rm. 413, Capitol Building, Pierre, SD. It is further

ORDERED, that all written responses to the Motion shall be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. CDT on October 20, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of October, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHuel</u>
Date: <u>10/11/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner