

**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 GRANTING
PARTY STATUS**

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 half miles of overhead transmission that will be wholly located within the Wind Farm's boundary.

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. A public input hearing was held on September 13, 2017. Forty-nine Applications for Party Status were received, including one application filed by a law firm representing forty-four individuals, each seeking party status. Included in the forty-nine applications were applications from four individuals who filed both individually and as represented parties among the forty-four persons represented by a single law firm, thus, a total of forty-five individuals sought party status. On September 28, 2017, the Commission granted party status to all but one of the forty-five individuals; Luke Holzwarth's application remained pending. On October 3, 2017, the Commission received an amended Application for Party Status from Luke Holzwarth.

The Commission considered this matter at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 11, 2017. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17. The Commission voted unanimously to grant party status Luke Holzwarth. It is therefore

ORDERED, that party status is granted to Luke Holzwarth.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of October, 2017.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/13/17</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner