

**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 ESTABLISHING  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**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 8 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 6.5 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. On September 25, 2017 Commission Staff submitted Staff's Proposal for Procedural Schedule.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested that the Commission adopt the procedural schedule as submitted in Staff's Proposal for Procedural Schedule. All parties who were present agreed with Staff's proposal. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following procedural schedule proposed by Staff:

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| <u>Commencement of Discovery Process</u>           | <u>July 25, 2017</u>        |
| <u>Applicant's Initial Testimony Due</u>           | <u>September 27, 2017</u>   |
| <u>Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due</u>          | <u>October 30, 2017</u>     |
| <u>Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony Due</u>          | <u>November 21, 2017</u>    |
| <u>Final Day to Serve Discovery to all Parties</u> | <u>November 27, 2017</u>    |
| <u>All Responses to Discovery Due</u>              | <u>December 4, 2017</u>     |
| <u>File Witness and Exhibit Lists</u>              | <u>December 4, 2017</u>     |
| <u>Evidentiary Hearing</u>                         | <u>December 11-15, 2017</u> |

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above procedural schedule is hereby adopted. It is further  
ORDERED, that responses to discovery are due ten business days after receipt.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**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 or by mail.

By:

Karen E. Cromer

Date:

09/28/17

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner