

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
CROWNED RIDGE WIND, LLC FOR A )  
FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 230-KV )  
TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED )  
FACILITIES FROM CODINGTON COUNTY TO )  
THE BIG STONE SOUTH SUBSTATION )  
)**

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR  
CONSENT TO WITHDRAW  
APPLICATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
AND CLOSE THE DOCKET; ORDER  
CANCELLING PUBLIC INPUT  
HEARING**

**EL17-047**

On October 27, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application (Application) from Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC (Crowned Ridge). Crowned Ridge proposes to construct a new reactive power compensation substation and an approximately 34-mile 230-kilovolt (kV) generation tie line that will connect two 300 megawatt (MW) wind projects (Crowned Ridge Wind (CRW) and Crowned Ridge Wind II (CRW II)) to the Big Stone South Substation owned by Otter Tail Power Company. Together the new reactive power compensation substation and 34-mile generation tie line are the Project. The planned Crowned Ridge Wind facilities will be permitted separately and are not included as a part of the Project. The generation tie line will be located in Codington and Grant counties, South Dakota, while the new reactive compensation substation will be located in Grant County. The Project is expected to be in service by December 31, 2019. Crowned Ridge estimates the total construction cost to be approximately \$30 million for a single circuit transmission line plus approximately \$8.5 million for the associated substation, or \$40 million for a double circuit transmission line plus approximately \$8 million for the associated substation. On November 15, 2017, Crowned Ridge filed a Request for Consent to Withdraw Application without prejudice to refiling its Application for a permit.

On November 2, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 27, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD 20:10:01:02.04.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 21, 2017, the Commission considered the Request for Consent to Withdraw Application. Commission staff recommended the Commission grant Crowned Ridge's request. Finding that all the parties were in agreement that the docket may be dismissed without prejudice and closed, the Commission unanimously voted to grant Crowned Ridge's Request for Consent to Withdraw Application. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Crowned Ridge's Request for Consent to Withdraw Application without prejudice is granted. It is further

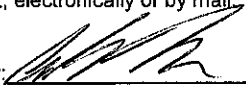
**ORDERED**, that the docket be dismissed and closed. It is further

ORDERED, that the Public Input Hearing scheduled for December 13, 2017, is cancelled.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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: 

Date: 11/21/2017

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner