

**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
WITHDRAWAL OF
PARTY STATUS**

EL17-055

On December 15, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application from Crocker Wind Farm, LLC (Crocker), for an energy facility permit and a 345 kV Transmission Line (Projects) to construct the Crocker Wind Farm, a 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 projects include up to 120 wind turbines, associated access roads, a new collector substation, an operations and maintenance facility, and associated 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission in Clark County, South Dakota. The projects will result in the installation of approximately 5.2 miles of overhead transmission that will be wholly located within the wind farm's boundary. The transmission line route will run from a substation in Section 30 of Township 119N, Range 58W to the Point-of-Interconnect (POI), which is located approximately 2 miles north of the town of Crocker in Section 9 of Township 119N, Range 58W. Two routing options from the substation in Section 30 are under consideration. At the POI, the power will transfer to the Basin Electric Groton-to-Watertown 345 kV transmission line, part of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc./Western Area Power Administration transmission line portfolio in Clark County, South Dakota.

On December 21, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention deadline of February 13, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On February 26, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention and Party Status to 64 individuals. On March 21, 2018, the Commission received a request for withdrawal of party status with respect to 62 of the Intervenor.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the intervenors' Motion to Withdraw Party Status, leaving only Shad Stevens and Gale Paulson as remaining intervenors. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Withdraw Party Status is granted for the 62 persons requesting withdrawal.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of April 2018.

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: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>4/9/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner