

**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 MOTION FOR) APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE) OF CIRCUIT CHANGE) EL17-050)
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On December 5, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application from Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC (Crowned Ridge or Applicant). Crowned Ridge proposed to construct a new reactive power compensation substation and an approximately 34-mile 230-kilovolt generation tie line that would connect two 300 megawatt wind projects (Crowned Ridge Wind and Crowned Ridge Wind 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 (Project). The planned Crowned Ridge Wind facilities are 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. The Commission issued an Order granting a permit to construct the transmission line and its associated facilities on November 21, 2018. On March 29, 2019, Crowned Ridge filed a Motion for Approval and Acceptance of Circuit Change. The permit granted by the Commission contemplated a double-circuit transmission line and after further study Crowned Ridge now plans to proceed with a single-circuit transmission line.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2019, the Commission considered the Motion for Approval and Acceptance of Circuit Change. Staff recommended the Motion be granted. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-41B. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant's Motion for Approval and Acceptance of Circuit Change is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of May 2019.

<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>Karen E. Cremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>05/15/19</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner