

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
DEUEL HARVEST WIND ENERGY LLC FOR A)
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND)
A 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN DEUEL)
COUNTY)**

**ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO APPROVE
PUBLIC LIAISON OFFICER**

EL18-053

On November 30, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for Facility Permits (Application) from Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC (Deuel Harvest or Applicant), an affiliate of Invenergy LLC. Deuel Harvest proposed to construct a wind energy facility and a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line with an associated 345-kV interconnection substation to be located in Deuel County, South Dakota, known as the Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm (Project). The Project is expected to be completed in 2020. Applicant estimates the total construction cost to be \$400 million. An evidentiary hearing was held April 15-18, 2019. On May 30, 2019, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facilities (Permit); Notice of Entry. On September 10, 2019, Applicant filed a letter regarding Condition No. 33 of the Permit which requires Applicant to submit the identity and qualifications of a public liaison officer to the Commission for approval at least 30 days prior to the commencement of construction. The letter requested approval of Eric Munz as the public liaison officer for the Project.

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

On September 17, 2019, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of Eric Munz as the public liaison officer. No other parties appeared. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the request to approve Eric Munz as the public liaison officer for the Project.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request to approve Eric Munz as the public liaison officer is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of September 2019.

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>Adam de Huel</u>
Date: <u>9/23/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner