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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO SOUTH DAKOTA CODIFIED LAW 49-41B-25.1

Re: Bitter Root Wind Project (the "Project")

To whom it may concern:

This letter shall serve as notice of the start of construction of the Bitter Root Wind Project.

The South Dakota portion of this Project will be located in Deuel County, just south of the town of Gary, SD. The balance of the Project will be located across the border in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota. The Project will be comprised of roughly 18 wind turbine generators, each with a nameplate capacity of 2.0 Megawatts and will interconnect with the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) system at the existing Canby Substation in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota. Completion of construction will depend upon the turbine supplier's production and delivery schedule, but our goal is to have the Project fully operational by December 31, 2018. To that end, we expect construction to begin in the fourth quarter of this calendar year.

Please contact me directly at (612) 455-8449 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Flannery', is written over a white background.

Sean Flannery
Permitting Director

cc: Jeff Jackson, RES Americas