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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Oak Tree Energy, LLC
Notice of Planned Construction of Wind Energy Facility

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to S.D. Code Chapter 49-41B.25.1 (2012) Oak Tree Energy, LLC (“Oak Tree”) hereby notifies the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission of its intent to commence construction of a wind energy generating facility greater than 5 MW in size in September 2013. Pursuant to the statute, Oak Tree provides the following information:

1. Planned location of project: The project will be located in Clark County, approximately 3-4 miles north of the city of Clark, on parcels located in Garfield and Mount Pleasant townships. In particular, the project will be on parts of Sections 3, 10-15 and 24 in Garfield Township and Sections 17-19 of Mount Pleasant Township.

2. Number of wind turbines: Oak Tree is selecting between two manufacturers at this time. Depending on the turbine model selected, there will be as few as 10 and no more than 13 turbines used.

3. Nameplate capacity: The nameplate capacity of the project will not exceed 19.5 MW. Depending on the turbine selected, we expect the nameplate capacity to be no less than 18.5 MW.

4. Interconnection: The project will interconnect with a 69 kV line owned by NorthWestern Energy. Oak Tree purchased a one acre site in the northeast corner of

Section 36, Garfield Township, on which it will construct a 34.5/69 kV substation which will transform energy from the project and deliver it to the adjacent NorthWestern Energy line. A 34.5 kV collector system will collect all the power generated by project turbines and an underground distribution line will transmit this power along 424th Avenue to the project substation.

5. Construction schedule: Preliminary design and assessment work is underway and will continue in the next few months, including electrical and interconnection design, surveys and soil borings. Physical construction will begin as soon as possible after closing on construction financing, currently expected in August or September 2013. It may be possible to perform substation grading or road work before this time.

Construction completion will depend on turbine delivery schedules, weather, and completion of interconnection facilities. If the substation transformer and turbines are available for delivery in 2013, construction will be scheduled for completion by February 28, 2014. If any major equipment is delayed, as much construction as possible will be completed prior to winter, with turbine erection as early as possible in spring 2014, with a final commercial operation date no later than June 30, 2014.

We will keep the Commission apprised as details are finalized, and of any material changes in plans. Please contact me or Michael Makens ((612) 269-5426) for any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



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cc Oak Tree