

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
BY PREVAILING WIND PARK, LLC FOR A )  
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY )  
IN BON HOMME COUNTY, CHARLES MIX )  
COUNTY AND HUTCHINSON COUNTY, )  
SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE PREVAILING )  
WIND PARK PROJECT )**

**ORDER REDACTING EXHIBITS  
AND TESTIMONIES**

**EL18-026**

On May 30, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit for a wind energy facility (Application) from Prevailing Wind Park, LLC to construct the Prevailing Wind Park Project (Project), a wind energy facility located on approximately 50,364 acres of land in Bon Homme, Charles Mix, and Hutchinson counties, South Dakota, between the towns of Avon, Tripp, and Wagner, South Dakota. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 219.6 MW nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 61 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground electrical power collector lines connecting the turbines to the collection substation, an operation and maintenance facility, and temporary construction areas, including crane paths, public road improvements, a laydown yard, and a concrete batch plant(s) (as needed), and four permanent meteorological towers. The Project would interconnect at Western Area Power Administration's existing Utica Junction Substation, located approximately 27 miles east of the Project.

On May 31, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 30, 2018, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 1, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Hearing; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status. A public input meeting was held on July 12, 2018. On August 9, 2018, the Commission issued an order granting intervention to six individuals and one county government. One individual filed a late application for party status, which was granted by the Commission. An evidentiary hearing (Hearing) was held October 9-12, 2018. During the Hearing, Applicant made an oral motion to strike all testimony of Richard James and Jerry Punch as the testimonies related to health. After hearing from the parties, the hearing examiner sustained the motion, finding the two witnesses were not qualified to testify on health issues.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 31, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Finding the redacted testimonies, as redacted by the hearing examiner, to be reasonable and in accordance with the ruling during the evidentiary hearing, the Commission voted unanimously to admit the exhibits and testimonies as redacted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that exhibits I-1, I-2, and the oral testimony of Richard James and Jerry Punch is hereby admitted as redacted by the hearing examiner.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of November 2018.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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>Adam de Huelck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>11/1/18</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p> |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner