

**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 GRANTING
LATE PARTY STATUS**

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. On July 12, 2018, a public input hearing was held as scheduled. On August 8, 2018, the Commission issued a procedural schedule and granted party status to six individuals and one local government who filed timely applications. On August 28, 2018, Kelli Pazour filed a late application for party status.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22, specifically 20:10:01:15.03.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 18, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. With Commissioner Nelson dissenting, the Commission voted to grant party status. It is therefore

ORDERED, that party status is granted to Kelli Pazour.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of September 2018.

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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>09/31/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson
Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
Dissenting