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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Meeting

July 10, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. CDT

Room 414, Capitol Building

Pierre, South Dakota

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AGENDA OF AD HOC COMMISSION MEETING

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1. EL18-003 In the Matter of the Application by Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota, for the Dakota Range Wind Project (Staff Analysts: Darren Kearney, Jon Thurber; Staff Attorneys: Kristen Edwards, Amanda Reiss)

On January 24, 2018, the Commission received an Application for a Facility Permit for a wind energy facility (Application) from Dakota Range I, LLC, and Dakota Range II, LLC (together Dakota Range or Applicant). Applicant proposes to construct a wind energy facility to be located in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota, known as the Dakota Range Wind Project (Project). The Project would be situated within an approximately 44,500-acre project area, 10 miles northeast of Watertown, South Dakota (Project Area). The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 302.4MW nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 72 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground 34.5-kilovolt (kV) electrical collector lines connecting the turbines to the collection substation, underground fiber-optic cable for turbine communications co-located with the collector lines, a 34.5-kV to 345-kV collection substation, up to five permanent meteorological towers, and an operations and maintenance facility. The Project would interconnect to the high-voltage transmission grid via the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line which crosses the Project Area. The Project is expected to be completed in 2021. Applicant estimates the total construction cost to be \$380 million. On April 6, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Granting Party Status and Establishing Procedural Schedule. An evidentiary hearing was held on June 12 through June 14, 2018. On June 18, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Setting Post-Hearing Briefing Schedule and Decision Date.

TODAY, shall the Commission grant, deny, or grant with conditions, a permit for the construction of a wind energy facility to Dakota Range pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-25? OR, how shall the Commission proceed?

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