# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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 PUC DOCKET EL 18-003

25CIV.18-070

APPELLANT'S DOCKETING STATEMENT

## SECTION A.

## TRIAL COURT

- 1. The circuit court from which the appeal is taken: *Third Judicial Circuit*
- 2. The county in which the action is venued at the time of appeal: <u>Grant County</u>
- 3. The name of the trial judge who entered the decision appealed: <u>Honorable</u>

  <u>Robert L. Spears</u>

## PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS

4. Identify each party presently of record and the name and address of the attorney for each party.

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### SECTION B.

## TIMELINESS OF APPEAL

- The Memorandum Decision was filed on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, 2018, by the trial court.
- 2. The Notice of Entry of the judgment or order was filed and served on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018.
- 3. State whether either of the following motions was made:
  - a. Motion for judgment n.o.v., SDCL 15-6-50(b): \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_X NO
  - b. Motion for new trial, SDCL 15-6-59: \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_X NO

#### NATURE AND DISPOSITION OF CLAIMS

4. State the nature of each party's separate claims, counterclaims of cross-claims and the trial court's disposition of each claim.

On August 22, 2018, Appellants, Teresa Kaaz and Kristi Mogen, filed a Notice of Appeal from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Wind Energy Facility entered July 23, 2018. On September 7, 2018, Appellees, Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC, filed a Motion to Dismiss the appeal pursuant to SDCL 15-6-12(b)(1) and (4). The PUC joined Appellees' Motion.

A hearing was held before the Honorable Robert L. Spears on October 15, 2018. The Court filed its Memorandum Decision on October 29, 2018, granting Appellee's Motion and dismissed the appeal for lack of jurisdiction. The Court's Order granting Appellee's Motion was dated November 7, 2018. Notice of Entry of the Order was filed November 13, 2018.

Appellant Kristi Mogen is withdrawing from the appeal of Judge Spears' November 7, 2018 order.

5.	Appeals of right may be taken only from final, appealable orders. See SDCL § 15-26A-3 and 4.		
	a.	Did the trial court enter a final judgment or order that resolves all of each party's individual claims, counterclaims, or cross-claims? X_YESNO	
	b.	If the trial court did not enter a final judgment or order as to each party's individual claims, counterclaims, or cross-claims, did the trial court make a determination and direct entry of judgment pursuant to SDCL 15-6-54(b)? YESNOX_N/A	
6.	State each issue to be presented for review. (Parties will not be bound by statements.)		
	a.	Whether the circuit court erred when it granted Appellee's Motion to Dismiss pursuant to SDCL 15-6-12(b)(1) and (4).	

c. Whether Dakota Range I, LLC, Dakota Range II, LLC and PUC Staff were timely served with Appellants' Appeal.

the office of the Grant County Clerk of Courts.

Whether the Appellant timely filed Notice of Appeal with proof of service in

b.

- d. Whether the Court's Order is supported by its Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law.
- e. Whether the Court's Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law are supported by evidence of the record.
- f. Whether some or all of Appellant's proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law should have been adopted.
- g. Whether some or all of Appellant's objections should have been granted by the Court.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2018.

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Attached is a copy of any memorandum opinion and findings of fact or conclusions of law supporting the judgment or order appealed from. See SDCL § 15-26A-4(2).

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John C. Wiles, hereby certify that true and correct copies of the "APPELLANT'S DOCKETING STATEMENT" were served electronically and by First Class United States Mail to all Parties listed below on the day of December, 2018:

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