

# Printer's Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF GRANT

} ss.

Ashlie Schweitzer

of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says that the Grant County Review is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Milbank, in said County of Grant and State of South Dakota, by Grant County Review, Inc., and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper; and that it has a bona fide circulation of more than two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said County of Grant in the English language and has been admitted to the United States mail under second class mailing privilege, for at least one year next prior to the publication of the Notice herein mentioned, and has been printed wholly in an office maintained at the said place of publication, that I, the undersigned, Bookkeeper of said newspaper, in charge of the accounts receivable department thereof, have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed 26" Before the Public Utilities Commission - Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for two successive weeks, on the day of each week on which the said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

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That \$ 403.00, being the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of said Notice, inures to the benefit of the publisher of the Grant County Review; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Feb 20 19

Debra Hemmer

Notary Public, Grant County, South Dakota



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Total	\$ <u>403.00</u>

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EL19-003

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of February 2019



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:  
Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman  
Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner  
Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



**Watertown Public Opinion**  
**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**COUNTY OF CODINGTON } ss**

Kevin Shaw, being duly sworn says: That Watertown Public Opinion is, and during all the times hereafter mentioned was, a daily legal newspaper as defined in SDCL 17-2-2.1 through 17-2-2.4, as amended, published at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota, by Watertown Public Opinion; that affiant is and during all of said times was an employee of the publisher of such newspaper and has personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the notice, order or advertisement, a printed copy of which is attached, was published in said newspaper upon:

Wednesday, the 13th day of February 2019,

Wednesday, the 20th day of February 2019,

that the full amount of the fee charged for publishing the same, including a \$5.00 affidavit fee, to-wit: the sum of \$976.70 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for the division of the fee has been made with any person, and that no part of the fee has been agreed to be paid to any other person.

Kevin Shaw

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February A.D. 2019.



Jackie S. Wettstad  
Notary Public, South Dakota

Commission expires October 20, 2022.

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>02/06/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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April 1, 2019

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Docket #EL19-003  
Application to the SD PUC for a Facility Permit to Construct  
a 300 Megawatt Wind Facility

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

We are filing with this letter the following items:

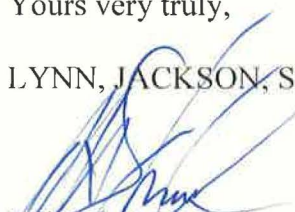
1. Copies of three Affidavits of Publication
2. A copy of the landowner letter sent to the relevant landowners, along with Attachments 1 and 2 referenced in the letter; and
3. An Affidavit of Mailing with the attached Exhibits A, which list the names and addresses of the landowners the letters were sent to.

Pursuant to ARSD20:10:01:41 I would ask that the Exhibits A to the Affidavit of Mailing be filed Confidential since they includes the names and addresses of persons who may prefer that information not be made public. As required, we have marked the document names of the attached pdf's of Exhibit A Confidential as well as each page of the documents.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

LYNN, JACKSON, SHULTZ & LEBRUN, P.C.

  
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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
County of Codington

GLENN ELMORE of said county being duly sworn on oath say, that he is the Publisher of the **SOUTH SHORE GAZETTE**, a weekly newspaper printed and published in South Shore, in said County of Codington, and have full and personal knowledge of all facts herein stated: that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bonafide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of this notice herein mentioned at said place of publication, that the notice

Applications for  
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2/14, 2019  
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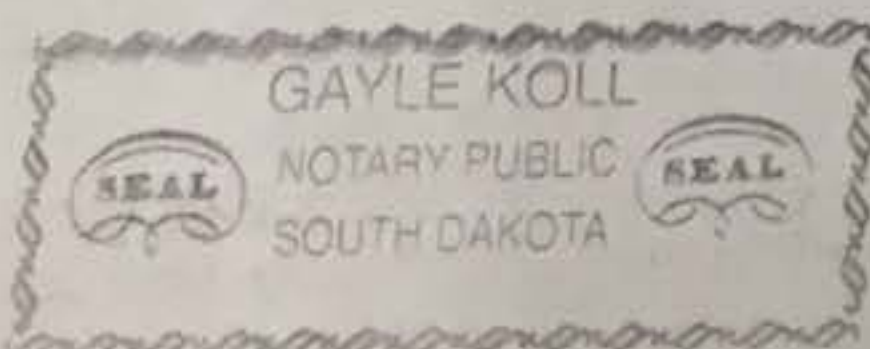
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Glenn Elmore  
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of March 2019

Gayle Koll  
Notary Public  
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My commission expires 11-12-21





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By Karen E. Cremer

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Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission. Any person residing in the area of the Project; each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the Project is proposed to be sited; any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be sited, or any interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from the Commission's web site or by contacting the Commission. **Applications for party status should be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CDT, April 1, 2019.** The Commission will also be accepting comments in writing from anyone, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mailing the Commission right up until the time of the decision. You only need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by putting on actual testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such a formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, cross-examine the other parties' witnesses, and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts.

For approval, Crowned Ridge must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether a permit to construct should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the Commission will hold a public input hearing on the Application and Project on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., CDT, at Waverly-South Shore School Gymnasium, 319 Mary Place, Waverly, S.D. It is further

**ORDERED**, that pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, applications for party status should be filed on or before 5:00 p.m., CDT, on April 1, 2019.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, these hearings will be held in physically accessible locations. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at (605) 773-3201 or (800) 332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

**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 Karen E. Bremer

Date 02/06/19

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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**STATE OF FLORIDA**

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**SS:**

**COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE**

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I, Patrick R. Riboul, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the Director of Marketing and Sales of Arrowmail Presort Co., the company that provides mailing services to Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC;
2. I mailed by certified mail a letter giving notice to the landowners within a half mile of the proposed Crowned Ridge Wind project by depositing the same in the Certified U.S. Mail on February, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. A list of the landowners that the notice was sent to is attached as Exhibit A..

Dated this 27th day of February, 2019.

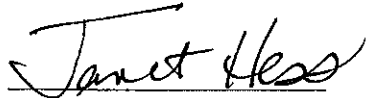
/s/



Patrick R. Riboul  
Director of Marketing and Sales  
Arrowmail Presort Co., Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
a Notary Public in and for said County  
and State, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

/s/



Notary Public

My commission expires on 11-24-21.

