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Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing for the Crowned Ridge Wind Facility

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) will hold a public hearing on a proposed an up to 300 megawatt ("MW") Crowned Ridge Wind Facility (the "Project") requesting a Facility Permit (Commission Docket EL19-003). The hearing will be held on March 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., CDT, at Waverly-South Shore School Gymnasium, 319 Mary Place, Waverly, South Dakota. (Attachment 1 SD PUC Notice)

Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC's Project is proposed to be located in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota, in the townships of Waverly, Rauville, Leola, Germantown, Troy, Stockholm, Twin Brooks, and Mazeppa, South Dakota (Project Area). The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 300 MW of nameplate capacity with up to 130 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities. (Attachment 2 is a map of the Project, which is also included in Figure 3 to the Application).

You are receiving this notice, because South Dakota state law requires that landowners within 1/2 mile of a proposed project be notified of this public hearing. If you wish to review the Facility Permit application in person, copies will be on file with the Auditors of Codington and Grant. You can also access the application online at the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website: <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-003.aspx>

For more information, you can contact the following:

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Regards,

Tyler Wilhelm  
Project Developer  
Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC

Enclosures

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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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

<p 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>Karen E. Cremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>02/06/19</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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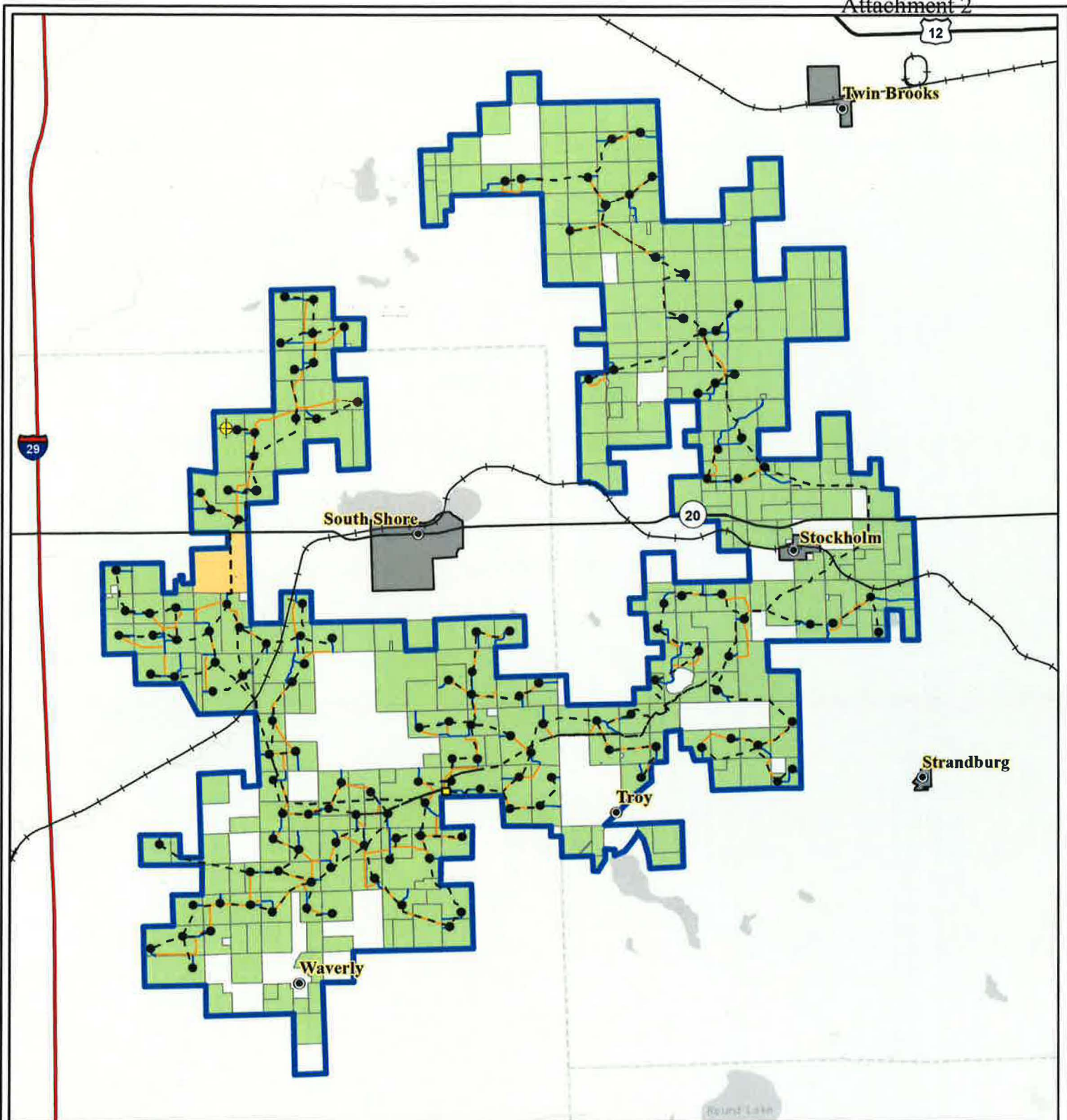
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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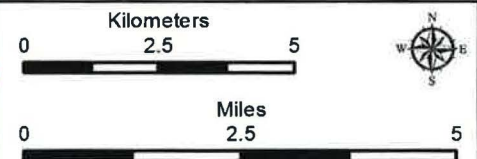




### Figure 3. Project Map

Crowned Ridge Wind Farm

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|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | MET Tower                       |                     | U.S. Highway                |
|  | Turbine                         |                     | State Highway               |
|  | City                            |                     | O&M Facility/<br>Substation |
|  | Proposed Turbine<br>Access Road |                     | Town Boundary               |
|  | Collector Line                  |                     | Project Boundary            |
|  | Crane Path                      | <b>Lease Status</b> |                             |
|  | Railroad                        |                     | Lease, Signed               |
|  | Interstate Highway              |                     | Pending Approval            |



Base Map: World Light Gray Canvas Base  
Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community  
Codington and Grant Counties, South Dakota

Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 14N

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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of Confidential Exhibits A to the Affidavit of Landowner Mailings in this matter were served electronically to the parties listed below on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019, addressed to:

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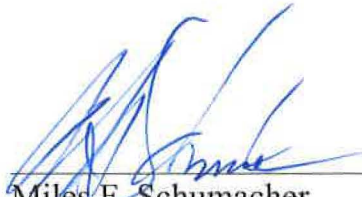
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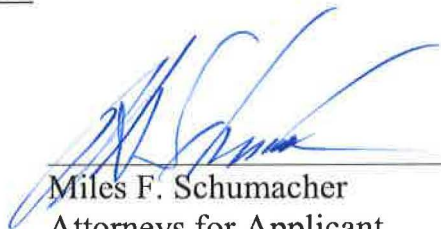
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