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July 17, 2019

**Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

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

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In accordance with paragraph 34 of the Terms and Conditions of the Settlement Stipulation approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on July 9, 2019, in the above-referenced docket, Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC "(Crowned Ridge)" submits the attached, which provides the identity and qualifications of the proposed public liaison officer, who works for a contractor of the Applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

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

  
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cc: Brian Murphy

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## Brian Riniker, PLS

### Project Manager

Brian has served for the past two and a half years as the fulltime field project manager for the NextEra Crowned Ridge I Wind Farm. The project, when completed, will be a 300-megawatt wind farm covering approximately 112 square miles, impacting multiple areas of cultural and environmental significance. In this key role Brian leads logistical coordination with NextEra's subcontractors to perform preliminary geotechnical testing as well as environmental and cultural studies for the site. Importantly, Brian also serves as a trusted on-site expert representative during county engineering meetings, zoning meetings and public information hearings.

#### Education

AS, General Science  
Northeast Iowa Community College

#### Professional Registrations

ND Professional Land Surveyor  
IA Land Survey Intern

#### Professional Memberships

Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa  
North Dakota Society of Professional  
Land Surveyors  
South Dakota Society of Professional  
Land Surveyors  
Young Surveyors Network – NSPS  
American Association of Geodetic  
Surveyors

#### Certifications

OSHA 10 hour Safety  
E-Railsafe

#### Industry Tenure

Nine years

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Three years

Beyond his experience as a land surveyor, Brian served for two years as the mayor of a small city in Iowa, applying his considerable leadership skills to everything from city council meetings to resident feedback to public event logistics. As the mayor Brian was exposed to both positive and challenging feedback from the community and leadership. Brian was able to work collaboratively and reach consensus with all stakeholders in the small community in order to perform infrastructure upgrades.

With the NextEra project and others like it, Brian consistently performs informational and liaison duties with project managers, right-of-way agents, environmental engineers and scientists, government officials, landowners and the general public. Throughout his career, Brian's success working with disparate stakeholder groups has been driven by his commitment to meet goals, build relationships and respond with expertise and shared understanding.

#### Relevant Experience

##### Burbach Subdivision Balltown, Iowa

Successful creation of a multiple-lot rural subdivision for residential development in an agricultural area. Landowner created subdivision in order to allow children to move back to farm to assist with ongoing farming operations.

Worked with landowner and permitting agencies to obtain approvals and permits. Represented the project at multiple public meetings to obtain approvals and responded to concerns from adjacent landowners.

##### Dohrmann Subdivision Fayette, Iowa

Successful creation of a multiple-lot subdivision for residential development in the city of Fayette, Iowa. Landowner donated property overlooking Upper Iowa University athletic baseball field, for the university to develop condominiums for alumni.

Worked with landowner, City of Fayette, Fayette County and Upper Iowa University in order to obtain approvals and permits. Project required close coordination with landowner, university, and the City in order to produce a preliminary layout that encompassed the condominiums, streets and related grading on the donated parcel while providing scenic views of the baseball complex.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
BY CROWNED RIDGE WIND, LLC FOR A )  
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY )  
IN GRANT AND CODINGTON COUNTIES )  
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EL19-003

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the Applicant's letter to the PUC identifying the proposed public liaison officer, with attachment, in this matter were served electronically to the parties listed below on the 17th day of July, 2019, addressed to:

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