

**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:21 PM

**To:** gcdc@itctel.com

**Subject:** EL19-027

Ms. Bohlen,

Thank you for your message regarding the Crowned Ridge II wind project siting permit request, docket EL19-027. Commissioners Nelson, Fiegen and I base our decisions on evidence presented via the docket review process, as required by law. The primary determination is whether or not the location, construction and operation of the facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota's environment and citizens. These standards are provided by South Dakota Codified Laws and Administrative Rules.

Your message and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket, and here is a link to EL19-027, <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-027.aspx>. Here is a link to the commission's Siting Guidelines posted on the commission's website home page and in the siting docket: <https://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/el19-027/sitinghandout.pdf>.

Chairman Gary Hanson  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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**From:** Mike Sherman <mikes@renewenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>  
**Subject:** [EXT] Docket EL19-027

Dear Commissioners Hansen, Hanson and Fiegen-

RENEW Energy Maintenance is a South Dakota-based company that performs Construction, Operations & Maintenance, Megawatt drivetrain remanufacturing and Specialty field repairs on wind turbines all over the county. We're a growing company with a current employee count of 270 people and also have an exemplary work and safety record.

We're proud to call South Dakota home. We're proud to work on projects in South Dakota. As South Dakota continues to embrace home-grown energy sources like wind, we plan to continue our grow our business as well.

There are many benefits to developing wind energy in South Dakota. Counties, schools, townships and our local communities all benefit from the tax revenue generated by these projects. Additionally, our economy develops and grows as these projects require specialized maintenance and repairs after the construction phase. There are hundreds of jobs that are directly and indirectly created when a new wind farm is approved. RENEW continues work on these projects throughout their entire life-cycle.

I would respectfully ask that you approve the permit from Crowned Ridge II (Docket EL19-027), as you have approved previous wind energy development projects. This is a home-grown energy source that is producing home-grown jobs that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners Hanson, Fiegen, & Nelson:

This email is in reference to the upcoming hearings you will be having on the Crowned Ridge Wind II wind project (Docket EL-19-027).

As you know, South Dakota is the *Land of Infinite Variety* and for that reason our state has a myriad of economic opportunities and our corner of South Dakota exemplifies that.

The reason I'm writing today is to urge your continued support for the wind energy industry and specifically ask for your support of the Crowned Ridge II project. From the local construction jobs to the permanent jobs and the corresponding spending at hotels, gas stations and restaurants the impact is tremendous. Watertown and the surrounding communities have all seen the local benefits and long-term impact of wind energy development on our townships and schools and for that we thank you.

Really appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this issue and all the work you do on behalf of the state of South Dakota and our consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Sheehan'.

Tim Sheehan

President and CEO Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce