

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY )</b>		
<b>PRARIEWINDS SD1, INC., A SUBSIDIARY )</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>OF BASIN ELECTRIC POWER )</b>	)	<b>MOTION TO APPROVE</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE, FOR A WIND ENERGY )</b>	)	<b>DECOMMISSIONING</b>
<b>FACILITY PERMIT FOR THE )</b>	)	<b>BOND AND MOTION FOR</b>
<b>PRAIRIEWINDS SD1 WIND FARM AND )</b>	)	<b>RELEASE OF ROAD</b>
<b>ASSOCIATED FACILITIES )</b>	)	<b>RESTORATION BOND</b>
	)	
	)	<b>EL09-028</b>

On December 30, 2009, PrairieWinds SD1, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin), submitted an application for a Wind Energy Facility Permit for the Construction of the PrairieWinds SD1 Wind Farm and Associated Facilities near Crow Lake, South Dakota (Project). The Project consists of 108 wind turbines for a total nameplate capacity of 162 MW, associated access roads, underground collector lines, a collector substation, an O&M building, and approximately 13 miles of 230 kV transmission line. On July 14, 2010, the Commission issued an Order Approving Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation (Permit) authorizing the construction of the Project. On September 3, 2010, Basin filed with the Commission a road and public infrastructure restoration bond with a bond number of 105425884, as required by SDCL 49-41B-38. On September 1, 2016, Basin filed a new bond with a number of 929584503 to replace bond number 105425884.

On November 1, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Decommissioning Plan and Stipulation of Financial Assurance (Stipulation). Within 90 days of the Commission order approving the Stipulation, Basin was required to file with the Commission a surety bond, for Commission review and approval, in the amount of \$15,112,233 to cover the Project's decommissioning obligation. On January 31, 2022, Basin filed a proposed surety bond for approval to satisfy the Project's decommissioning obligation and a Motion to Approve Bond. On January 31, 2022, Basin also filed a Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Restoration Bond and signed concurrences of completion from affected townships and counties as construction of the Project was completed. On March 29, 2022, Basin filed the final remaining road bond concurrence of completion from Patten Township.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-38 and ARSD 20:10:22:33.01.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2022, the Commission considered these matters. After reviewing the proposed bond for decommissioning, the Commission voted to grant Basin's Motion to Approve Bond. After reviewing the concurrences of completion from the applicable counties and townships, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Basin's Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Restoration Bond. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Basin's Motion to Approve Bond is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that Basin's Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Restoration Bond is hereby granted, and the Executive Director or Commission Counsel is authorized to execute any necessary documents to release bond number 929584503 .

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2022.

**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: Adam DeHueck

Date: 4/22/22

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner