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Date: March 27, 2020 at 8:37:47 AM CDT
To: "Hanson, Gary (PUC)"
Subject: [EXT] Regarding EL17-055

Dear Commissioner Hanson –

You are being asked to terminate the services of Crocker Wind Farm’s Public Liaison, Steve Vanderbeek, on Tuesday. I am asking you to deny this motion. There have been many times that Steve has been contacted by myself and several others regarding various issues with the project. And though he often is unable to get to the bottom of an issue, he has been someone the non-participants have been able to contact with various questions. Because there is still MUCH uncertainty regarding Phase 2 of the project (now supposedly being built by a different Geronimo company - Jack Rabbit Wind, LLC) we hope that he can remain - up to and throughout that whole process. You may recall that the first anyone heard of Crocker Wind Farm being developed in two phases was at the evidentiary hearing. The participating land owners are still counting on it being built and Geronimo has been reassuring them that it will happen. Steve has been unable to comment on this, however.

You may not be aware of the fact that even though the project has been up and running since November 2019, it is still not in compliance with the permit you gave them. If you recall, Conditions 40 and 48 of your Final Decision and Order noted that the ADLS system would be used. The red lights are still blinking as of last night, March 26th, 2020. This sort of thing is exactly why a Public Liaison is needed.

Please deny this motion. And further, is it possible for you mandate that the turbines don’t spin until the ADLS is working? Maybe that would motivate them to get the system installed. (Or if there is another route we need to pursue, could you please tell me how one goes about that process?) Or maybe Steve could tell me – unless he’s terminated...

Sincerely,

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