

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
BY CROCKER WIND FARM, LLC FOR A)
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY)
AND A 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN)
CLARK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR)
CROCKER WIND FARM)

ORDER GRANTING RENEWED
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
ROAD AND PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE
RESTORATION BOND

EL17-055

On December 15, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Crocker Wind Farm, LLC (Crocker) for an Application for an energy facility permit and a 345 kV Transmission Line (Project) to construct the Crocker Wind Farm, a wind energy facility located on approximately 29,331 acres of privately owned land in Clark County, South Dakota, approximately 8 miles north of Clark, South Dakota. Following a contested case process, on June 12, 2018, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facilities (Permit). On September 25, 2018, Crocker filed a South Dakota Energy Facility Permit Act Bond, Bond No. 190040806, in accordance with Condition 9(i) of the Permit. On September 7, 2021, Crocker filed a Renewed Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Restoration Bond that requests an order from the Commission releasing Bond No. 190040806.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-38.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. After reviewing the Certificates of Completion from Clark County, Woodland Township, Ash Township, Warren Township, and Spring Valley Township, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Crocker's Renewed Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Restoration Bond. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Crocker's Renewed 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 Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Bond No. 190040806

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of September 2021.

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: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>09/30/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner