

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

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**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**

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**CROCKER WIND FARM, LLC  
MOTION TO TERMINATE PUBLIC  
LIAISON SERVICES**

**EL 17-055**

As set forth in more detail below, Crocker Wind Farm, LLC (“Crocker”) respectfully requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) grant its Motion to Terminate Public Liaison Services (“Motion”).

On June 12, 2018, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facilities (“Permit”) to Crocker for the Project. Condition 40 of the Permit required Crocker to provide a public liaison officer, approved by the Commission. On August 1, 2018, Crocker filed for approval of Steve Vanderbeek as public liaison officer and, on August 9, 2018, the Commission issued its Order Approving Public Liaison Officer.

Condition 40 in the Permit did not specify when the public liaison would terminate. However, we understand that in subsequent Commission siting orders, an automatic termination provision has been included. *See, e.g.*, Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry, *In the Matter of the Application by Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility in Grant and Codington Counties*, ¶ 42 (providing that “[t]he public liaison’s services shall terminate 90 days after the Project commences commercial operations, unless the appointment is extended by order of the Commission”). The Project commenced commercial operations in November 2019. Accordingly, consistent with the termination provision included in the Crowned Ridge docket, Crocker requests that the

Commission terminate the public liaison's services in this docket. Additionally, Commission Staff has indicated its support for Crocker's Motion.

Upon Commission approval of this Motion, Crocker will notify landowners within the Project Area that there is no longer a public liaison for the Project; in the same letter, Crocker will provide up-to-date contact information and direct landowners to contact Crocker or Commission Staff with any questions.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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