

**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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\* **AFFIDAVIT OF MELISSA SCHMIT IN**  
\* **SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR**  
\* **APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION LINE**  
\* **ADJUSTMENTS**  
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**EL17-055**

STATE OF MINNESOTA                    )  
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COUNTY OF HENNEPIN                )

I, Melissa Schmit, being first duly sworn on oath, state and allege as follows:

1. I am the Permitting Manager at Geronimo Energy, LLC, which is assisting Crocker Wind Farm, LLC ("Crocker") in the development of the Crocker Wind Farm and associated 345 kV Transmission Line ("Project"). I have the authority to provide this affidavit on behalf of Crocker.
2. I am providing this Affidavit pursuant to paragraph 25 of the Permit Conditions approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and included as Attachment A to its June 12, 2018 Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facilities and Notice of Entry ("Order") in the above-referenced docket.
3. On February 8, 2019, Crocker filed a material change adjustment request to place a transmission line structure in a non-jurisdictional wetland in order to avoid intersecting a nearby microwave beam path, which was approved. This same structure now requires a shift of 14 feet west to avoid the power cable that was installed to service the Project's O&M building. The proposed structure adjustment is within the same wetland previously determined to be non-jurisdictional by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and impacts do not require additional permitting. Maps showing the proposed structure location in relation to the wetland are attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (public and confidential versions).
4. The confidential version of **Exhibit A** also identifies the locations of cultural resources and sensitive species habitat in relation to the proposed adjustments. As shown in **Exhibit A**, the proposed adjustments avoid cultural resources and sensitive species habitat.
5. All modifications are located on land under lease/easement for the Project.

6. With respect to the Project, including the proposed transmission line adjustments, Crocker will comply with the Commission's Order and all other applicable regulations and requirements.
7. Based on the foregoing, Crocker requests approval of the proposed transmission line adjustments.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

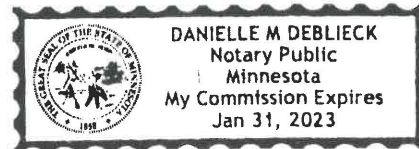
Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
Melissa Schmit

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/31/2023



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