

**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**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MELISSA SCHMIT
PROVIDING NOTICE OF PROJECT
ADJUSTMENTS**

EL17-055

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Melissa Schmit, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state 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. Since the issuance of the Order, Crocker has determined adjustments to the 345 kV transmission line within the 150-foot-wide right-of-way approved by the Commission are needed for the Project. Maps showing the 345 kV transmission line centerline approved by the Commission (black dashed line) and the current transmission line centerline (solid purple line) are attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (public and confidential versions).
4. The transmission line has been adjusted up to 16 feet within the permitted 150-foot-wide right-of-way for approximately 7,520 feet along State Highway 20 and 419th Avenue. This adjustment is necessary to avoid a rural water line. A utility locate determined a portion of the line is outside of the recorded rural water easement area. Therefore 11 transmission line structures required shifts to avoid intersecting the line.
5. The confidential version of **Exhibit A** identifies the locations of cultural resources, sensitive species habitat, wetlands, and microwave beam paths in relation to the Project adjustments. As shown in **Exhibit A**, the proposed adjustments avoid cultural resources, sensitive species habitat, and microwave beam paths. All adjustments are within surveyed areas covered by previously submitted cultural resource reports (see the

September 2018 Level III Cultural Resource survey and the Cultural Resources Survey Methods and Preliminary Field Results filed as Exhibit A14-2).

6. All modifications are located on land under lease/easement for the Project.
7. With respect to the Project, including the adjustments described herein, Crocker will comply with the Commission's Order, and all other applicable regulations and requirements.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated this 6^m day of August, 2019.


Melissa Schmit

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6^m day of August, 2019.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/31/2023

