

March 15, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**RE: Application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a Facility
Permit for the Crocker Wind Farm
EL 17-055**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In comments received by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) on March 14, 2018, the Woodland Township Supervisors (Dana Nordhus, Allen Stern, and Troy Mudgett) make certain allegations regarding Crocker Wind Farm, LLC’s (“Crocker”) outreach to Woodland Township, as well as other townships, with respect to the Crocker Wind Farm (“Project”). In response, Crocker provides the following information regarding its outreach to townships, including Woodland Township:

- October 2016: Letters providing Project information and requesting comments were sent to the Chair for Ash, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, Warren, and Woodland townships. A copy of the letter sent to Troy Mudgett, Chair of Woodland Township (without enclosure), is attached.
- November 2016: Geronimo Energy made follow-up calls to the Chair for Ash, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, Warren, and Woodland townships. Conversations were held with the Chair for Spring Valley Township, and the Treasurer of Warren Township (with a message left for the Chair), and voicemail messages were left for those not reached. A contact log is attached.
- July 2017: Letters providing information regarding Geronimo Energy and the Project, and inviting the recipients to contact Geronimo Energy with any questions, were sent to all Supervisors for Ash, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, Warren, and Woodland townships.

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A copy of the template letter sent (without enclosure) is attached.

- July 2017: Invitations to a Project ice cream social were sent to all Supervisors for Ash, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, Warren and Woodland townships.
- Other Outreach: Various advertisements regarding the Project, public meeting/hearing notices regarding the Project's Conditional Use Permit Application process in Clark County, and public input hearing notices regarding the Project's pending Application before the Commission were published in the local newspaper.

In addition to the outreach noted above, Crocker representatives previously met with both Troy Mudgett and Dana Nordhus (outside of their roles as township supervisors) to discuss the Project.

As the above summary and the attached documentation demonstrate, Crocker has made numerous attempts to engage with townships within the Project Area, including Woodland Township. Thus, the allegations made by Mr. Mudgett, Mr. Nordhus, and Mr. Stern, whether as Woodland Township Supervisors or as Intervenors in this matter, are inaccurate.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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