

**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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* **CROCKER WIND FARM, LLC'S**
* **RESPONSES TO INTERVENORS'**
* **SECOND SET OF DATA REQUESTS**
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* **EL17-055**
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Below please find Crocker Wind Farm, LLC's ("Crocker") Responses to Intervenor's Second Set of Data Requests.

2.1) Produce all written communications, electronic or otherwise, between Crocker Wind Farm, LLC and the NOAA related to the project.

Melissa Schmit: All communication with the NOAA has been filed in Docket No. EL17-055.

2-2) Produce all written communications, electronic or otherwise, between Crocker Wind Farm, LLC and Northern Border Pipeline related to the project.

Jay Hesse: An e-mail from Northern Border Pipeline was filed in Docket No. EL17-055 on February 27, 2018, which summarizes both coordination to date and the intent to have signed agreements in place prior to crossing the pipeline.

2-3) Because of the cultural resources survey and limited micro-siting, the Applicant eliminated turbine numbers 24, 25, 27, 40, 42, 80, 83, 85, 141, and 200. With respect to above, please respond to the following:

a) If micro-siting of 1,000 feet is permitted, does Crocker intend to move and re-site any of those ten turbines?

Melissa Schmit: No, the turbines listed in 2-3 were not included in the December 2017 application. Micro-siting would only apply to turbine locations in the application.

b) If the answer is yes, is the new configuration: 120 turbines plus the number re-sited, minus any further reduction of turbines due to USFWS grassland easements?

N/A

2-4) At the February 5th PUC Public Input Hearing, Melissa Schmit presented a project status update stating that the project would include the Aircraft Detection and Lighting System (ADLS). When will the presentation on the ADLS be provided to the Clark County

Board of Adjustment as set forth in the Written Findings of the Clark County Board of Adjustment?

Melissa Schmit: Crocker provided a feasibility study on utilizing ADLS to the Board of Adjustment in January 2018.

2-5) Will Crocker Wind Farm, LLC have a full time, on-site employee during the construction and early operation to manage the Project and address issues as they arise? If so, please identify him or her.

Jay Hesse: Yes. The position has not yet been filled.

2-6) Referencing Crocker Wind Farm, LLC's Response to Intervenors' First Set of Data Requests, item 1-5), please respond to the following:

a) Describe the uniqueness of this custom-designed transformer and the nexus of this transformer to this Project.

Betsy Engelking: The custom-designed transformers are specifically designed for Crocker's collection and interconnection voltages, as well as point of interconnection to the grid.

b) Provide the name and address of the firm that Crocker Wind Farm, LLC has contracted with for the construction of this custom-designed transformer.

Betsy Engelking:

CG Power USA Inc.
1 Pauwels Drive
Washington, MO 63090

c) Does that Applicant assert that their 2015 contract meets the IRS's requirement of Continuous Physical Work of a Significant Nature?

Betsy Engelking: Yes.

2-7) Has Crocker Wind Farm, LLC and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. executed a resolution as set forth in the Written Findings of the Clark County Board of Adjustment? If so, please provide a copy of the same. If not, please explain why not.

Melissa Schmit: Yes. The agreement is confidential and will be provided pursuant to a Protective Agreement.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melissa Schmit".

Melissa Schmit