

**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'S  
RESPONSES TO INTERVENORS'  
SECOND SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

**EL17-055**

Below please find Crocker Wind Farm, LLC's ("Crocker") Responses to Intervenors' 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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".

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Melissa Schmit