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RE: EL17-055, *In re Application of Crocker Wind Farm, LLC*

Ms. Van Gerpen,

Pursuant to Condition 23, Staff has reviewed the six requested turbine shifts filed by Crocker Wind Farm, LLC on August 1, 2018. After thoroughly examining the shifts, Staff has no objection to any of the turbine shifts, and, therefore, will not request formal action on the shifts. In support of its position, Staff states as follows:

1. Turbine 19 moves 546 feet to the east, but remains with the same landowner, who also owns all parcels in the immediate vicinity.
2. Turbine 23 moves 339 feet to the southwest but remains with the same landowner.
3. Turbine 69 moves 430 feet to the southwest on the same parcel of land.
4. Turbine 155 moves 526 feet to the southwest on the same parcel of land.
5. Turbine 178, moves 463 feet to the south but stays with same landowner and on the same parcel of land.
6. Turbine 220 moves 803 feet to the west and does not change landowners.
7. Exhibit B identifies that noise limits, shadow flicker limits, and setback requirements are still met with the turbine shifts.

Condition 23 provides that Staff will review all proposed turbine shifts over 325 feet and will have ten days to review and request further Commission review if Staff deems such further review necessary. For the above reasons, Staff has determined that further review is not warranted for the six proposed shifts. In support of this, we are attaching a confidential map that demonstrates the affected landowners. By viewing this map, one can also determine whether a turbine is moving close to a non-participating landowner.

For any future turbine shifts, Staff requests Crocker depict constraints on the filed maps. However, as Crocker still has the burden to comply with the constraints although not filed at this time, Staff is comfortable with the shifts.

Sincerely,

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