

June 13, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

**RE: In the Matter of the Application by Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC for an Energy Facility Permit in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota, for the Dakota Range Wind Project
EL 18-003**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In connection with the above-referenced matter, enclosed please find Applicants' Exhibit A22 (Confidential). The turbine operations manual ("Manual") is being submitted as confidential trade secret information pursuant to the June 13, 2018 letter from South Dakota Public Utilities Commission attorney Adam de Hueck.

The Manual contains propriety trade secret information belonging to Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc. ("Vestas"). The information contained in the Manual would provide an advantage to a competitor if known. Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC ("Apex"), on behalf of itself and Vestas, requests that the document be maintained confidential in perpetuity. Questions regarding this confidentiality request can be directed to the undersigned, Mollie Smith. Confidentiality is requested for this trade secret information pursuant to SDCL Section 1-27-1.5 and ARSD 20:10:01:39 – 20:10:01:45. The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality is that the information is proprietary and subject to a non-disclosure agreement between Vestas and Apex.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mollie M. Smith

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