

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CROWNED
RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR A FACILITY PERMIT TO
CONSTRUCT A 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN CODINGTON COUNTY**

**) ORDER GRANTING MOTION
) FOR RELEASE OF INDEMNITY
) BOND**

) EL18-019

On April 11, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit for a wind energy facility (Application) from Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Crowned Ridge II). Crowned Ridge II sought and received in this docket a permit to construct an approximately 7-mile 230-kilovolt generation tie line and associated substation facilities (Project) that connect the 300-megawatt Crowned Ridge Wind II facility to the Crowned Ridge Wind facility collector substation. The generation tie line, which has now been constructed, is located in Codington County, South Dakota.

On April 12, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 11, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. A public input meeting was held in Waverly on May 30, 2018. No person sought party status in this docket. On February 5, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Granting Permit to Construct a Transmission Line and Associated Facilities; Notice of Entry (Permit). On August 12, 2019, Crowned Ridge II filed a License and/or Permit Continuous Bond, Bond No. 9324772, in accordance with Condition 11(h) of the Permit. On June 2, 2025, having completed construction and reclamation of the Project, Crowned Ridge II filed a Motion to Release Indemnity Bond, requesting the Commission release Bond No. 9324772.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter-41B, specifically 49-41B-38.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 1, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Crowned Ridge II's Motion for Release of Indemnity Bond. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Crowned Ridge II's Motion for Release of Indemnity Bond is hereby granted, and the Executive Director or commission counsel is authorized to execute any necessary release document to release Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland Bond No. 9324772.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of July 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Kristie Fiegen

Date: 2 July 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner