

**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

EL 18-019

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
TRANSFER OF PERMIT**

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy), and Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Crowned Ridge), which is wholly owned by ESI Energy, LLC, hereby file the above referenced Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge request that the Commission approve the permit transfer.

In Support of this Motion, Xcel Energy submits as follows:

1. Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit
2. Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark
3. Affidavit of David Gil

This Motion is made pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-29.

On January 8, 2019, Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC and Public Utilities Commission Staff entered into a Settlement Stipulation relating to the construction of a 5-mile 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the above-captioned matter. The Commission entered an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Granting Permit to Construct a Transmission Line and Associated Facilities; Notice of Entry on February 5, 2019 (the Permit Order). On August 16, 2019, Xcel Energy and ESI Energy, LLC entered into an Amended and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC.

The Crowned Ridge Wind II Project is now nearing commercial operation, and Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge intend to close on the acquisition in the near future. Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge now request that, upon closing, the above-captioned docket show applicant/permit holder as Northern States Power Company, with the following contacts:

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As stated in the attached Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark, Xcel Energy represents and warrants that it will comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained in the Permit Order and Settlement Stipulation. Additionally, the attached Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark attests to the experience of Xcel Energy as it relates to operation of transmission lines.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge jointly request the Commission grant the Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit.

/s/

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