

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY DAKOTA RANGE III, LLC  
FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A 345-KV TRANSMISSION  
LINE IN GRANT AND ROBERTS COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**SD PUC DOCKET EL18-046**

**PRE-FILED SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CHARLES GILMORE  
ON BEHALF OF DAKOTA RANGE III, LLC**

January 4, 2019

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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3 **Q. Please state your name, employer, and business address.**

4 A. My name is Charles Gilmore. I am the Head of U.S. Renewable Generation for  
5 ENGIE North America, Inc. (“ENGIE NA”).

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7 **Q. Briefly describe your educational and professional background.**

8 A. I have a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from San Jacinto College. I  
9 have worked in operations involving renewable energy (wind and solar) at ENGIE for  
10 approximately ten years. A copy of my resume is included as Exhibit A8-1 to my  
11 testimony.

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13 **Q. Did you provide Direct Testimony in this docket on October 26, 2018?**

14 A. No.

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16 **Q. What is the purpose of your Supplemental Direct Testimony?**

17 A. The purpose of my Supplemental Direct Testimony is to provide additional details  
18 regarding ENGIE IR Holdings LLC (“ENGIE IR”), an indirect, wholly-owned affiliate  
19 of ENGIE NA, and its acquisition of Dakota Range III, LLC.

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21 **Q. What exhibits are attached to your Supplemental Direct Testimony?**

22 A. The following exhibit is attached to my Supplemental Direct Testimony:

- 23 • Exhibit 1: Resume

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25 **II. PROJECT OWNERSHIP**

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27 **Q. What is ENGIE IR’s role with respect to the Project?**

28 A. ENGIE IR recently acquired Dakota Range III, LLC, the entity that owns the Dakota  
29 Range III Wind Project and Transmission Facility (the “Project”).

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31 **Q. Please describe ENGIE NA.**

32 A. ENGIE NA is a subsidiary of ENGIE S.A., which is the largest independent power  
33 producer in the world and a leading utility supply operator with total installed power  
34 capacity of 115.3 gigawatts (“GW”) and 230 district heating and cooling energy  
35 systems under management. ENGIE NA and its predecessors have operated in  
36 North America for more than 40 years and manage installed power generation  
37 capacity of 13 GW, supplying electricity to 12 deregulated states. ENGIE NA’s  
38 operations include providing energy procurement, utility services, and operations  
39 and maintenance services to 150 higher education and healthcare facilities. ENGIE  
40 NA’s portfolio of solar PV and wind projects constructed and under operation  
41 includes over 10,000 megawatts (“MW”) of wind projects and 740 MW of solar  
42 photovoltaic projects.

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44 **Q. Does ENGIE IR’s acquisition of Dakota Range III, LLC affect the commitments**  
45 **Dakota Range III, LLC has made in the Application and testimony submitted?**

46 A. No. Dakota Range III, LLC will comply with all commitments made in the  
47 Application, testimony, and associated documents. This includes the supplemental  
48 testimony submitted herewith.

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50 **Q. What is Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC’s (“Apex”) role with respect to the**  
51 **Project?**

52 A. Pursuant to contractual agreements, Apex continues to have primary responsibility  
53 for assisting Dakota Range III, LLC with obtaining permits and is performing other  
54 development work for the Project on behalf of ENGIE IR. As such, the Apex  
55 representatives providing testimony continue to be authorized to act on behalf of the  
56 Project in this proceeding, as well in local permitting efforts.

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58 **III. CONCLUSION**

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60 **Q. Does this conclude your Supplemental Direct Testimony?**

61 A. Yes.

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63 Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

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