

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF DEUEL HARVEST
WIND ENERGY LLC FOR A PERMIT
OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND
A 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN
DEUEL COUNTY**

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* **APPLICANT’S RESPONSES TO**
* **HEATH STONE’S FIRST SET OF**
* **DATA REQUESTS TO APPLICANT**
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* **EL18-053**
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Below, please find Applicant’s responses to Heath Stone’s First Set of Data Requests to Applicant.

1-1) What is the process bat and bird mortality is reported and recorded? What documentation will be available to the public? Provide documentation.

Andrea Giampoli: The methods and reporting details of the post-construction avian and bat monitoring are detailed in Section 5 of the Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy.

1-2) Have you applied for an eagle take permit, if not, do you plan to apply for one? Who have you been in contact with?

Andrea Giampoli: No. Deuel Harvest does not anticipate applying for an Eagle Take Permit at this time.

1-3) Which USFWS and SDGFP employees did you inquire during the bat and bird surveys?

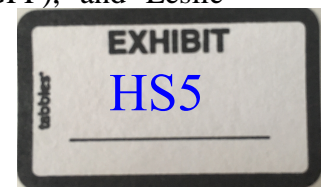
Andrea Giampoli: Natalie Gates (USFWS), Silka Kempema (SDGFP), and Leslie Murphy (SDGFP).

1-4) In the application, all turbines will be sited away from the “Avoidance Areas” identified by the SDGFP. What are the “avoidance areas”, please be specific.

Andrea Giampoli: The “Avoidance Areas” are public lands managed by the SDGFP.

1-5) Who were you in contact with from USFWS and SDGFP regarding Bald Eagle nest during the 2017 Raptor Nest survey?

Andrea Giampoli: Natalie Gates (USFWS), Silka Kempema (SDGFP), and Leslie Murphy (SDGFP).



Dated this 27th day of March, 2019.

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