

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

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| <b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF<br/>DAKOTA RANGE III, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND<br/>ENERGY FACILITY AND A 345-KV TRANSMISSION<br/>LINE IN GRANT AND ROBERTS COUNTIES</b> | )<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>) | <b>ORDER GRANTING<br/>MOTION FOR RELEASE OF<br/>ROAD AND PUBLIC<br/>INFRASTRUCTURE BOND</b><br><br><b>EL18-046</b> |
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On October 26, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Dakota Range III, LLC (Applicant or Dakota Range III) to construct an approximately 8-mile 345-kilovolt interconnection transmission line and an up-to 151.2-megawatt wind energy conversion facility (Project). The Project will be in Grant County and Roberts County, South Dakota, with the wind portion in an 18,717-acre area. The transmission line will run from the Project's substation located in section 13 of Blooming Valley Township, outside the public right of way along 455th Avenue, turning east on Farmington Township's 150th Street to the Otter Tail Power Company switchyard located in section 14 of Mazeppa Township. The Project is expected to have a total of up to 42 wind turbines and associated facilities. On February 22, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion of Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Granting Permits to Construct Facilities (Permit). On April 2, 2020, Dakota Range III filed a South Dakota Energy Facility Permit Act Bond. On July 28, 2021, Dakota Range III filed a Letter Regarding Condition No. 30 and Summary Memorandum, as required 90 days after the commercial operation date. On February 21, 2023, Dakota Range III filed a Letter regarding Condition No. 8h, a Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Bond and Certificates of Completion.

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

On April 13, 2023, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. After reviewing the Certificates of Completion from Grant County, Roberts County, Farmington Township, Blooming Valley Township, Lura Township, Mazeppa Township, Summit Township, and Ortlely Township, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Dakota Range III's Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Bond. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Dakota Range III's Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Bond is hereby granted and the Executive Director or Commission Counsel is authorized to execute any necessary documents to release Federal Insurance Company Bond No. K40402779.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**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 mail.

By: Adam DeHueck

Date: 4/17/23

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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| <br>KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson |
| <br>GARY HANSON, Commissioner   |
| <br>CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner  |