

February 20, 2023

## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Secretary South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Range III, LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility and a 345-kV Transmission Line in Grant and Roberts Counties

Docket EL18-046

Compliance Filing, Condition No. 8.h

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In accordance with Condition No. 8.h of the Settlement Stipulation approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in its February 22, 2019 Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Granting Permits to Construct Facilities ("Order") in the above-referenced docket, Dakota Range III, LLC ("Dakota Range III") submits the enclosed Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Bond ("Motion"), with accompanying **Exhibit A**.

On January 14, 2022, Dakota Range III filed documentation regarding the status of road repairs in accordance with Order Condition 8.e. Dakota Range III's filing included the following:

- Certificates of Completion signed by Grant County, Lura Township, and Mazeppa Township documenting that road restoration had been satisfactorily completed.
- A statement that Farmington Township had signed a Certificate of Completion, but that the document had not yet been received by Dakota Range III.
- A description of the outstanding work to be completed in Roberts County, Blooming Valley Township, Summit Township, and Ortley Township.

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Since the January 14, 2022 filing, Dakota Range III has received the executed Certificate of Completion from Farmington Township. Additionally, Dakota Range III has completed the outstanding work in Roberts County, Blooming Valley Township, Summit Township, and Ortley Township and representatives of those entities have signed acknowledgments that the work was completed on their respective Certificates of Completion.

As documented in the enclosed Motion and Certificates of Completion (Exhibit A), Dakota Range III has completed restoration of any road damages associated with Project construction and repaired the roads in accordance with Condition 8 and to the satisfaction of the affected counties and townships. Therefore, Dakota Range III respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion.

A Certificate of Service is also enclosed. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service/Service List

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