

November 2, 2020

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Docket No. EL 19-003
Application to the SD PUC for a Facility Permit to Construct a 300 MW Wind Facility

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

During the Commission meeting of October 28, 2020, I discussed with Crowned Ridge 2 (Docket EL 19-027) the operation of ADLS lighting at commencement of Commercial Operations. My question posed to CR2 included a comment about the sister project, Crowned Ridge Wind (CR1, Docket EL 19-003) whose ADLS lighting is still not functioning properly.

A comment by the Acting Chair Commissioner Nelson, that my question contained an inaccuracy, leads me to believe perhaps the Commission is not aware the CR1 ADLS lighting system is still not functioning as required. I have notified the liaison in the past, as well as the PUC docket, about the issue of the faulty ADLS lighting. The affidavits submitted by CR1 are not accurate and the lighting continues to be extremely flawed.

As the evenings get dark much earlier this time of year, the lights are on much earlier. The lights still shine at dusk and typically go off at 11 pm, when I and my neighbors go to bed, but sometimes flash all night long. My complaint is still the same, the ADLS are NOT operational as intended by the Conditions of the permit.

According to an area resident in the CR1 project, Mr. Riniker has offered to come to the area to inspect and was told by PUC Staff that was not necessary. Since the project is nearing its one year anniversary, I say the on site visit of the liaison or an unbiased observer of the PUC's choosing is warranted. The affidavits are incorrect, although the last one filed was in September. It is well past time to fix this, especially with a new project coming online sometime in November.

Respectfully,

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