

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION BY CROWNED RIDGE
WIND, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A
WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN GRANT
AND CODINGTON COUNTIES**

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**Motion to Require a Sound Study of
Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC, Fall 2022**

EL19-003

MOTION OF AMBER CHRISTENSON

Amber Christenson hereby submits a Motion to Require a Sound Study to be Conducted on the Crowned Ridge 1 Wind Turbine Project, known as Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC, in the late Fall of 2022.

On April 1, 2021, during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, the Commission entertained, amended and approved a Motion by Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC to approve its mitigation plan regarding a second sound study to be conducted in the fall of 2021 in the Crowned Ridge 1 project area. Contributing to the discussion were Amber Christenson, PUC Staff, Dr. David Hessler, Richard Lampeter and attorneys Brian Murphy and Miles Schumacher representing Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC. The sound study to be conducted in the Fall of 2021, is a follow up study to the sound study which was conducted in the Fall of 2020, where Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC was found to be out of compliance of Condition 26 of the facility permit issued by the PUC in July of 2019.

In November of 2021, Epsilon Associates, Inc. conducted a sound study on 5 properties in the Crowned Ridge 1 project area. The Fall 2021 Sound Study failed to meet the requirements of the project's permit Conditions, the Mitigation Plan offered by Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC, and the Orders issued and signed by the Commission relating to Crowned Ridge 1 sound studies.

Recognizing that the two sound studies conducted in the Crowned Ridge 1 project area have failed to meet compliance of the facility permit, and/or failed to meet the parameters of the testing requirements required by the PUC, Intervenor Amber Christenson makes a motion for a sound study to be conducted late November or December 2022 to ascertain compliance or non-compliance of Condition 26 of the facility permit. Additionally, I offer January, February or March 2023 as alternatives to the fall of 2022. The intention of this study would be to achieve a number of turbine noise measurements associated with weather conditions that mimic, or closely align with the adverse weather conditions that existed in the fall 2020 study in November when the project/turbine facility failed to meet permit conditions in 50% of the test locations.

Dated this 10th day of August 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber Christenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amber" being more prominent than the last name "Christenson".

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