



January 10, 2019

Krista Atyeo-Gortmaker
Grant County Planning & Zoning
210 East 5th Avenue
Milbank, SD 57252-2499

Dear Mrs. Atyeo-Gortmaker:

Due to extenuating circumstances outside of our control relating to the Grant County WES ordinance discussions, adaptations, reviews, edits, and various delays, the Cattle Ridge Wind, LLC Conditional Use Permit, awarded March 13, 2016 is set to expire per the Grant County Zoning Ordinance, section 505.10, stating that unless the facility is substantially completed within two years from the date of such order it shall be declared invalid. Considerable time was needed to negotiate and consummate the transaction whereby the owner of Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC and Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC acquired Cattle Ridge Wind, LLC from Geronimo. No application to PUC had been made by Cattle Ridge Wind, LLC prior to the acquisition.

Until the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is able to approve the project under the names of Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC & Crowned Ridge Wind II, now encompassing Cattle Ridge Wind, LLC., absolutely no construction can legally take place.

Procedurally, before a permit application can be submitted to the PUC, all structural and geographic details of the project need to be confirmed. There must also be assurance that said details have local government approvals to offset the risk of any modifications that are requested via conditions of the local governing bodies where the facility's location is proposed. Since the Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC & Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC Conditional Use Permit wasn't approved until December 17, 2018, it has delayed the PUC application submittal. We are near completion of the application and once our application is submitted to the PUC, they have approximately a six-month process for deliberations before their final approval. Accordingly, we respectfully request an extension of the Cattle Ridge Wind, LLC Conditional Use Permit for an additional 1 year, shifting the permit's expiration date from March 13, 2019 to March 13, 2020. We are confident that construction can, and will begin soon after final PUC approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyler Wilhelm".

Tyler Wilhelm
Project Developer