

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

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

**Docket
EL19-003**

Notice to Staff and Commissioners of Complaint of Amber Christenson letter regarding

Crowned Ridge Wind LLC on October 25, 2019.

I would like to point to the following testimony given by Tyler Wilhem in answering Commissioner Nelson on the 'Hessler Seven", June 11, 2019, pages 265-266:

COMMISSIONER NELSON: And would it be true that by dropping turbine 67 and 68, you dropped the two turbines closest to Intervenor Christenson's property?

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: Thank you.

I want to go back to the conversation you had with Commissioner Fiegen regarding the alternate sites. And I just want to make sure that my math is correct, my mental math.

As I counted, you have dropped 10 turbines. You had 16 alternate turbines. And so by replacing those 10, you end up with the six alternate sites left that you referred to; is that correct?

THE WITNESS: So my math that I used was that we are electing to drop 17 primaries and we're electing to take into consideration -- and those seven that I just first note is that for the noise and shadow flicker exceedances or expired leases. Then we had these seven turbines which I refer to as the Hessler seven, which put us at 14. We started at 20. And that's where I got the 6.

Now I would like to kind of clarify that statement that when we are electing to use all 10 turbines as primaries, we are in turn calling the former primary location as an alternate. So we would ultimately

have more to consider, but from the way that the question was asked, I answered it as in like there's six that really weren't accounted for based off of our conversations.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: Okay. So that leads me to maybe a bit of a concern. So I'm understanding that even though you've said you've dropped these turbines, you've really now converted them to alternate sites and they could, in fact, come back to life; is that correct?

THE WITNESS: For the turbines that we are doing for the Hessler seven, those are the ones that we are flip-flopping. For the ones that we have agreed to for other reasons, for the expired leases, one of those being turbine 79, Alt 19, Alt 20, those are what we're considering as dropped. I'm sorry it's murky but --

COMMISSIONER NELSON: Yeah. And I'm glad I asked that question. Because I thought all of the dropped ones were in the same dead, done category but I'm understanding now that's not the case. So I need to get different colored markings on my map also then.

And you understand, obviously, that makes our job a little bit more difficult when we thought those seven might be done and now we're hearing they might be coming back.

THE WITNESS: Do you mind if I clarify?

COMMISSIONER NELSON: Please do.

THE WITNESS: When you say they may be coming back, we're marking them as an alt, as in, worst-case scenario, that we cannot consider another turbine location. We're committing to those seven turbines being -- the Hessler seven, we're committing to not using those seven. We'd like to reserve the right of having just an alternate to consider in the event that something else was to occur that's unknown to us at this time during the construction process.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: And so it would be my understanding before you would reinvigorate any of the Hessler seven, you would go through all the rest of your designated alternate sites.

THE WITNESS: That's correct. Yes, sir.

Today, October 25th, 2019, the turbine location designated CR-68 is being excavated. This, after Crowned Ridge Wind has informed the PUC that it is 'deferring' one-third of the project. So tell

me how CR-68 became one of the last options for turbine construction, when they have 50+ primary and alternate sites still available?

Another misrepresentation to the Commission? Such as on the last day of the hearing when CRW presented a flicker table that said I, Amber Christenson, would have zero flicker?

I demand the PUC Staff and Commission hold CRW to the testimony they gave to the Commission in regard to this matter.

Excavation (moved dirt) picture taken by me, Amber Christenson, 10/25/19:



/s/Amber Christenson

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