

**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 DEUEL,)
GRANT AND CODINGTON COUNTIES)
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**ORDER APPROVING
COMPLAINT SOUND
MONITORING PROTOCOL**

EL19-027

On July 9, 2019, the Commission received an Application for a Wind Energy Facility Permit from Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (CRW II), a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. CRW II proposed to construct a wind energy facility to be located in Codington, Deuel and Grant counties, South Dakota (Project). The Project is located in Waverly, Kranzburg North, Kranzburg South, Troy, Rome, Goodwin, and Havana townships. On April 6, 2020, the Commission issued its Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Permit Conditions; Notice of Entry (Permit). On October 30, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit and Approving Transfer of Permit in which ownership of CRW II was transferred to Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (NSP). NSP received sound complaints at three non-participating residences following commercial operation and voluntarily agreed to conduct field surveys and provide monitoring data verifying compliance with specified noise levels in accordance with Condition 26 of the Permit. On May 4, 2021, NSP filed a Post-Construction Sound Monitoring Protocol (Protocol). The Commission issued an Order Approving Post Construction Noise Compliance Test Protocol on May 19, 2021. On August 6, 2021, NSP filed its Post Construction Noise Compliance Report. On August 17, 2022, Greg Wall contacted Commission staff regarding a request for further sound testing. At the August 30, 2022, Commission meeting, NSP voluntarily agreed to conduct a second sound test in the fall of 2022. On October 25, 2022, NSP filed a Crowned Ridge Wind II – Complaint Sound Monitoring Protocol.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B.

On November 8, 2022, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the Complaint Sound Monitoring Protocol as submitted by NSP. After hearing oral presentations from the parties, the answers given to Commission questions, and having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket, the Commission, after public discussion, voted unanimously to approve the proposed Complaint Sound Monitoring Protocol. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NSP's request for approval of the Complaint Sound Monitoring Protocol is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of November 2022.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Karen E. Bremer</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>11/10/22</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner