

**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

EL 19-027

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
TRANSFER OF PERMIT**

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy), and Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Crowned Ridge), which is wholly owned by ESI Energy, LLC, hereby file the above referenced Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge request that the Commission approve the permit transfer.

In Support of this Motion, Xcel Energy submits as follows:

1. Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit
2. Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark
3. Affidavit of David Gil

This Motion is made pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-29.

The Commission granted the permit for the Crowned Ridge Wind II Project to Crowned Ridge on April 6, 2020 (the Permit Order). On August 16, 2019, Xcel Energy and ESI Energy, LLC entered into an Amended and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC. Related to this transaction, the Permit Order noted:

As a result of demand for the facility, Applicant has executed a purchase and sales agreement (PSA) with Northern States Power Company (NSP) and will transfer the Project, including this Permit, to NSP prior to commercial operations. The commercial operation date for the Project is projected to be in the fourth quarter of 2020.

The Crowned Ridge Wind II Project is now nearing commercial operation, and Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge intend to close on the acquisition in the near future. Consistent with the Permit Order, Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge now request that,

upon closing, the above-captioned docket show applicant/permit holder as Northern States Power Company, with the following contacts:

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As stated in the attached Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark, Xcel Energy represents and warrants that it will comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained in the permit. Additionally, the attached Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark attests to the experience of Xcel Energy as it relates to operation of wind energy facilities.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Xcel Energy and Crowned Ridge jointly request the Commission grant the Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit.

/s/

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