

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

<b>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 ) ) ) )</b>	<b>MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  EL19-027</b>
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Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby files this Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

This docket was opened on July 9, 2019, with the filing by Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Applicant), for a permit of a wind energy facility. The parties to this proceeding are currently Staff, Applicant, and nine individuals who were granted party status, six of whom are represented by one attorney.

Under SDCL 49-41B-25, the Commission must issue a decision on this matter within nine months of the filing. Given the time constraints in this docket, Staff requests the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ESTIMATED DATE</b>	<b>PROCESS DAY</b>
Application & Applicant Direct Testimony*	July 9, 2019	Day 1
Public Input Meeting*	August 26, 2019	Day 49
Deadline for Intervention*	September 9, 2019	Day 63
Applicant Supplemental Direct Testimony Due	September 20, 2019	Day 74
Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due	December 9, 2019	Day 154
Rebuttal Testimony Due	January 8, 2020	Day 184
Final Discovery to All Parties	January 14, 2020	Day 203
Final Responses to Discovery Due	January 27, 2020	Day 203
Witness and Exhibit List Due and Exhibits Prefiled	January 29, 2020	Day 205
Final Prehearing Conference	January 30, 2020	Day 207

Evidentiary Hearing	February 4 – 7, 2020	Starts Day 211 Ends Day 214
Post-Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	March 2, 2020	Day 238

All dates denoted with an asterisk are informational only, and Staff does not request they be included in an Order.

In addition, Staff requests the Commission order that all responses to discovery requests are due 10 business days after service, unless otherwise agreed to, in writing, by the inquiring and responding parties.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order adopting the above proposed procedural schedule and establishing a ten-business day deadline for responses to discovery requests, with the exception of final discovery, which Staff requests be due on January 27, 2020.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.



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