

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY ) CROWNED RIDGE WIND, LLC FOR A ) PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN ) GRANT AND CODINGTON COUNTIES )	)	ORDER DENYING MOTION TO AMEND SOUND STUDY MITIGATION PLAN  EL19-003
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On January 30, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC (Crowned Ridge or Applicant) for a permit to construct a wind energy conversion facility to be located in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota (Project). On July 26, 2019, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry (Permit). On January 9, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Temporary Waiver that approved Crowned Ridge to operate temporarily without low noise trailing edge (LNTE) blade attachments installed on all turbine blades subject to the curtailment of certain turbines and that Crowned Ridge conduct post-construction noise compliance testing in accordance with Condition 26 of the Permit. On January 15, 2021, Crowned Ridge filed its Sound Level Compliance Evaluation Report. On February 16, 2021, Commission staff (staff) filed a letter and technical report titled Crowned Ridge Wind Final Operational Sound Test Data Review and Assessment. On March 18, 2021, Crowned Ridge filed a Motion for Approval of Mitigation Plan in order to verify compliance with Condition 26 of the Permit. On April 9, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Approving Mitigation Plan. On July 29, 2021, Intervenor Christenson filed a Motion to Amend Mitigation Plan of the Sound Study Protocol of Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC Fall 2021 (Motion). On August 3, 2021, Crowned Ridge filed its Answer to Intervenor Amber Christenson. On August 9, 2021, staff filed its Response to Intervenor Amber Christenson's Motion.

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

On August 19, 2021, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the Motion. After hearing and considering the arguments of the Parties received orally during the Commission meeting and in writing prior to the meeting, the Commission, with Commissioner Hanson dissenting, voted 2-1 to deny the Motion. In support of its denial, the Commission found that the Motion was untimely filed, and that Ms. Christenson failed to demonstrate a technical need for her request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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.
By: <u>Adam Clethrick</u>
Date: <u>8/26/21</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

  
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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner  
Dissenting