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**To:** PUC-PUC <[PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us)>

**Subject:** [EXT] Regarding docket# EL19-003, In the Matter of the Application by Crown Ridge Wind, LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility in Grant and Codington Counties

Dear PUC Commissioners and Staff;

I am writing you today regarding Docket # EL19-003. The Crown Ridge Wind project and NextEra Energy have shown a complete disregard to the citizens of this State as well as the Application/Permit which they agreed to regarding this project. They have been out of compliance with this permit since the day construction started yet they failed to bring forward this fact to the PUC until the middle of December when they were between a rock and a hard place regarding their contract with Excel Energy. They have a problem between themselves and Excel Energy and should leave the State and PUC out of it.

As a resident and law abiding citizen of South Dakota I strongly urge you to **DENY** this request for a waiver. If I am driving 100 mph on the Interstate through SD I am pulled-over and given a ticket and fine to pay, I'm not given a waiver. If I am a construction company putting up a structure and during inspection it is noted that there are things that are not built according to state codes they need to be changed to meet those requirements before the business can begin operation, I am not given a waiver. If a massive out-of-state company, such as NextEra, comes into our State as a **guest** they are required to comply with our requirements...requirements that they agreed to in the application/permit that they signed!! They should NOT be given a waiver. They clearly have not complied to what is required of them and apparently thought that they didn't have to as they didn't notify the PUC of this until the middle of December when they were going to have problems with *another* contract that they had signed with Excel Energy. It is highly suspect, disrespectful, and just plain bad business when a guest comes into our State and does what they want with total disregard to the contract that they signed!

This project is clearly out of compliance with the required LNTE blades. There has also been reports of other conditions of this application/permit not being met.

It is the job of the PUC to protect the citizens of our State as well as ensure that projects such as this are in compliance with the application/permit that was signed by them. I strongly encourage the PUC to **DENY** this waiver and enforce every provision in the permit. There is

a process in place and the requirements of this application/permit were made to and agreed to by all parties involved. As a state we should expect and demand compliance to this process. Crown Ridge Wind/NextEra Energy clearly are not in compliance to the permit that they agreed to and should not operate until they are.

Sincerely,

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