

4 January, 2020

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Docket #EL19-003; Application to the SD PUC for a Facility Permit to Construct A 300 megawatt Wind Facility Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen and Commissioners:

Provided herein:

- Data Request 1 from Amber Christenson and Allen Robish to Crowned Ridge Wind Regarding Waiver Request
- Emails to Mr. David Gil of NextEra Energy
- Certificate of Service
- This Letter to be shared with the Commissioners and all interested parties

I would like the Commissioners to note, that we Intervenors take your suggestions to heart.

During the hearing on December 30th, 2019, Commissioner Hanson and Commissioner Nelson, each spoke of the lack of communication with the people affected by the Crowned Ridge Wind project and stated they would expect better communication.

After the hearing on December 30th, Mr. David Gil gave Allen Robish and Amber Christenson his card and told us to contact him with questions.

Because of the encouragement to communicate between the parties by the Commissioners, and Mr. Gil's attempt at reaching out by offering us his contact information, Allen and Amber sent a set of very poignant questions regarding the Crowned Ridge project and their request for documentation to shore up the claims made by Mr. Gil and other company representatives during the hearing. Those same questions are now a Data Request, and we have lost valuable time to review answers. Disappointing, to say the very, very least.

It was very disheartening, not only to not receive any response at the first attempt of communication to the company, but also the second attempt to just get a response of 'Yes, I received your email.' was also ignored. I hope this gives the Commission some semblance of how the people most affected have been treated during this whole process and our frustration.

During a county meeting , a member of the Board of Adjustment asked Tyler Wilhelm if he has been in contact with 'these people' (non-participants speaking at a public hearing), his response was that 'they' (meaning Crowned Ridge) do not negotiate with non-participants, they only talk with participants.

It has not been for a lack of trying on our part. A number of non-participants show up at every meeting, every board, every time there is an opportunity to share the community's concerns. We speak for many, not just ourselves.

Thank you for encouraging communication at this late date, but as you can see, you are our mediators and we need you to hold the company accountable to the people in this project.

Sincerely,

Amber Christenson and Allen Robish