BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY TRIPLE H WIND PROJECT, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN HYDE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA STAFF'S SIXTH SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO APPLICANT EL19-007

Below, please find Staff's Sixth Set of Data Requests to Applicant. Please submit responses within 10 business days, or promptly contact Staff to discuss an alternative arrangement. In addition, please specify the responder when answering each interrogatory. Should any response have subparts answered by more than one individual, identify the respondent by subpart. Consider each question ongoing and update answers as they evolve or change.

- 6-1) Refer to Table 12-1 of the Application.
 - a) Please explain the basis for a 256 ft. setback from participating landowner property lines.
 - b) Has the Applicant received written agreements from all participating landowners to allow a shorter setback than required in SDCL 43-13-24? Please explain.
 - c) For the landowners that signed the written agreements in (b), please explain how it was communicated to participating landowners that the risks associated with ice throw are mitigated with a 256 ft. setback from property lines.
- 6-2) Please describe the technology that will be employed at each turbine to detect and assess ice buildup.
- 6-3) Refer to the Safety Manual provided in response to Commission Staff data request 1-12.a) Refer to Section 8.4. Is Triple H installing an ice detector as discussed in the Safety Manual?
 - b) If the answer to (a) is no, please provide documentation from General Electric confirming that the technology being employed by Triple H to assess and detect ice buildup alleviates the need to cordon off an area during freezing weather conditions pursuant to the formula identified in Section 8.4.1.

Dated this 28th day of May 2019.

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