

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY) SWEETLAND WIND FARM, LLC FOR FACILITY) PERMITS FOR A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A) 230-KV TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN HAND) COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE) SWEETLAND WIND FARM PROJECT)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION LINE ADJUSTMENTS EL19-012
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On March 6, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application to construct the Sweetland Wind Farm, a wind energy facility located on approximately 20,979 acres of land in Hand County, South Dakota, in the townships of Pearl, Hulbert, and Rose Hill, South Dakota, and a 230-kV transmission line (Project). The total installed capacity of the Project would be approximately 200 MW nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 71 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground electrical power collector lines connecting the turbines to the Project substation, an operations and maintenance facility, and temporary construction areas, including crane paths, pull sites, access roads, a laydown yard, and a concrete batch plant(s) (as needed), and four permanent meteorological towers. The Project would interconnect to the regional electric grid along the Western Area Power Administration's existing Fort Thompson to Huron transmission line via a new switchyard located in Rose Hill Township. The Project will result in the installation of approximately 7 miles of 230-kV overhead transmission line. On July 31, 2019, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility (Permit). On November 27, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Approving Transmission Line Adjustments, Turbine Model Change, and Turbine Adjustments. On January 8, 2021, Applicant filed a Motion for Exemption from Settlement Stipulation Condition No. 35. On January 21, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Exemption from Settlement Stipulation Condition No. 35. On October 4, 2022, Applicant filed a letter requesting approval of a transmission line adjustment pursuant to the material change provision in Condition 25 of the Permit. The purpose of the requested transmission line adjustment is to accommodate a request by the WAPA.

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


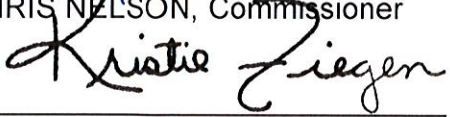

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 11, 2022, the Commission considered whether to grant Applicant's request for approval of transmission line adjustments. With no party objecting, and finding the adjustments to be prudent, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of transmission line adjustments is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of October 2022.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
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.	
By:	<u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date:	<u>10/12/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner