

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF SWEETLAND
WIND FARM, LLC FOR PERMITS OF
A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A
230-KV TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN
HAND COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

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* **SWEETLAND WIND FARM, LLC’S**
* **MOTION FOR RELEASE OF ROAD**
* **AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**
* **BOND**
* **EL19-012**
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As set forth in more detail below, Sweetland Wind Farm, LLC (“Sweetland”) respectfully requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) grant its Motion for Release of Road and Public Infrastructure Restoration Bond (“Motion”).

On July 31, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry, approving a Settlement Stipulation (“Settlement Stipulation”) for the Sweetland Wind Project and 230 kV Transmission Line (“Project”). Condition 9(h) of the Settlement Stipulation required Sweetland to furnish an indemnity bond to comply with the requirements of SDCL § 49-41B-38. On February 21, 2023, Sweetland filed Bond No. SU1188761 (“Bond”) to fulfill the requirements of Condition 9(h).

Condition 9(h) provides that “[t]he bond shall remain in effect until released by the Commission, which release shall not be unreasonably denied following completion of the construction and repair period.” Sweetland has completed restoration of any road damages associated with Project construction, and has received an executed Certificate of Completion from Hand County (which has authority to execute the Certificate of Completion on behalf of itself and Rose Hill Township, Hulbert Township, Hiland Township, and Grand Township) and an executed Certificate of Completion from Pearl Township (*see Exhibit A*). The documentation in Exhibit A demonstrates that all roads have been repaired in accordance with the requirements of the Road Use and Maintenance Agreements. As a result, Sweetland respectfully requests an order from the Commission releasing the Bond.

Dated this 19th day of December 2023.

By */s/ Mollie M. Smith* _____

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