

**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)**

**MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

EL19-012

COMES NOW, Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and hereby files this Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

This docket was opened on March 6, 2019, with the filing by Sweetland Wind Farm, LLC (Applicant), for a permit of a wind energy facility and a 230-kV transmission line in Hand County, South Dakota. The parties to this proceeding are currently Staff and Applicant. To date, no individuals have filed an application for party status in this docket, however Staff does anticipate requests for intervention and will communicate this proposed schedule with each requestor.

Under SDCL 49-41B-25, the Commission must issue a decision on this matter within six months of the filing. Given the time constraints in this docket, Staff requests the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:

ACTION	ESTIMATED DATE	PROCESS DAY
Submit Application & Applicant Direct Testimony	March 6, 2019	Day 1
Public Input Meeting	April 25, 2019	Day 50
Deadline for Intervention	May 6, 2019	Day 61
Commission Meeting on Intervention Applications	May 14, 2019	Day 69
Applicant Supplemental Direct Testimony Due	May 20, 2019	Day 75
Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due	June 19, 2019	Day 105
Rebuttal Testimony Due	July 10, 2019	Day 126
Final Discovery to All Parties	July 12, 2019	Day 128

Final Responses to Discovery Due	July 22, 2019	Day 138
Witness and Exhibit List Due	July 24, 2019 (File marked exhibits by July 26, 2019)	Day 140
Final Prehearing Conference (if applicable)	July 30, 2019	Day 146
Evidentiary Hearing	July 31-August 2, 2019	Starts Day 147 Ends Day 149
Post-Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	August 21, 2019	Days 168

In addition, Staff requests the Commission order that all responses to discovery requests are due 10 business days after service, unless otherwise agreed to, in writing, by the inquiring and responding parties.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order adopting the above proposed procedural schedule and establishing a ten-business day deadline for responses to discovery requests, with the exception of final discovery, which Staff requests be due on July 22, 2019.

Dated this 2nd day of May 2019.



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