



April 28, 2021

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

**RE:** *In the Matter of the Application by Tatanka Ridge Wind, LLC for a Permit of a Wind Energy Facility in Deuel County, South Dakota – Order Granting Extension for Compliance with Condition 29 – EL19-026*

**Bi-Monthly Update**

Dear Mrs. Van Gerpen:

Tatanka Ridge Wind, LLC (Tatanka Ridge Wind) respectfully submits this filing in compliance with the Order granting an extension to Condition 29 of the Facility Permit.

*Condition 29:*

Within 90 days after the Project's commercial operation date, Applicant shall submit a report to the Commission that provides the following information:

- a) as-built location of structures and facilities, including drawings clearly showing compliance with the setbacks required by state and local governments;
- b) the status of remedial activities for road damage, landowner property damage, crop damage, environmental damage, or any other damage resulting from Project construction activities; and
- c) a summary of known landowner complaints and Applicant's plan for resolving those complaints.

On April 16, 2021, the Commission granted Motion for Extension to Comply with Condition 29 until August 5, 2021. Applicant shall provide updates to Staff on a bi-monthly basis, to be provided on the Fifteenth and Thirtieth of each month.

**Response to part a:**

No additional information since updated provided to Commission April 12, 2021. The as-built survey will be completed after site reclamation is completed and is anticipated by August 2021.

**Response to part b:**

Site construction was shut down for winter in January 2021. The Contractor (Wanzek) mobilized to the site on April 19, 2021 to focused on reclamation activities and punch list items at Tatanka Ridge Wind. Wanzek's electrical subcontractor (Holland) mobilized to the site on April 23, 2021.

Wanzek has been working on removing temporary approach radii to access roads, narrowing access and spur roads, decompacting, reclaiming areas around turbines, and final surface grading. Additionally, Wanzek is removing silt fence in areas that are stabilized from erosion and ready for planting. Their subcontractor is removing rocks and final grading along the electrical collection line. Wanzek is also removing the temporary intersection modifications at public roads. They are working, in general, west to east across the site. Table 1 summarizes current construction reclamation activities at the site.

Table 1: Summary of Reclamation Activities

DATE	SWPPP	Intersection Modifications	Beauty Rings	Approaches/ Radius	Spur Roads	Reclaim Sites
4/20/21	K0, K4, K8, I2	191/473	P7, H4, H5	N/A	P7	Laydown Yard in process
4/21/21	G1, G2, G3, L5	191/473	I2, H3, H2, H1	K0, K1, K3, K4	I2	Laydown Yard in process
4/22/21	C5, A1	191/473	I2, H3, H2, H1	K0-K4	H4, H5	H1, H2, H4, H5
4/23/21	Punch list	191/473	K6-K8	N/A	P1, P3, P4	P1, P3, P4
4/24/21	Punch list	191/474	K0-K3	K0-K4	K0-K4	K0-K4
4/26/21	Punch list	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4/27/21	Punch list	190/474, 189/471	L10-L11	L8-L11	K0-K3	L2, L3
4/28/21	Punch list	189/471	N/A	N/A	L10-L11	L1, S6, J2



It is anticipated road repairs will be completed by June 30, 2021. As the roads are completed, Avangrid will continue to work with Deuel County and the Townships to inspect the final road status. The County and Townships representatives have expressed wanting to delay the final inspection of the roads until the temporary radii are removed and repairs are completed for the entire project.

To date, there is no known environmental damage or property damage. If those are identified during construction restoration or through landowner communication, they will be addressed. Other damage from Project construction activities will also be addressed if identified by landowners or during restoration activities.

***Response to part c:***

This late winter and early spring, landowners have called to request an update or our plan to resolve various issues in the fields. Silt fence removal, berm repair, rock removal, tile inspection, general field tiling around the turbines, and access roads are the main questions with regards to timing. When a landowner has an information or action request, the construction site manager and project managers are notified of the request. When field conditions are workable for a site visit, the construction site manager will meet with the landowner depending on the request and develop a plan for resolution. The construction team will then work to rectify or monitor the situation, depending on the issue.

Avangrid Renewables (Avangrid) and Wanzek have been talking to and meeting a number of landowners to discuss reclamation work on their farms.

**Summary of Landowner Communication since 4/19/21:**

1. Todd Stroschein (4/20/21) – wanted rocks removed and topsoil repaired in fields prior to spring planting. Avangrid Renewables & Wanzek met with Mr. Stroschein 4/20. Wanzek mobilized quickly and addressed most of those concerns that day and the following day. Mr. Stroschein gave Avangrid and Wanzek a verbal ok of acceptance. Per Mr. Stroschein's request, we are also working with the County to leave turbine access road radii on his property at L1 and L2.
2. David Overby (4/21/21) – wanted silt fence and rock pile removed, pull topsoil back from tree line and put on exposed clay. Wanzek removed silt fence, but was unable to remove rock pile prior to farmer planting before 4/24/21. Will remove rock pile and grade out top soil in future.
3. Dennis Stroschein (4/21/21) – concerned about his tiled field, but there was no standing water. Continue to monitor.

4. Ron Gorder (4/23/21) – discussed road at K0-K1 concerned about alignment and trench parallel to road. Concerned about his drain tile located 200 ft north of entrance to P3 on west side, but no evidence of standing water. Continue to monitor.
5. James Koenig (4/23/21)-wants to know when we will be coming out to pick up rocks, remove silt fence on the parcel. He farms Steve Paula/Feurborn ground on the parcel south of turbine A1. The landowner has not called but will notify when we are about to clean up the area. AGR construction met with Mr. Koenig on 4/26/21 at A1 and A2 to discuss rocks, silt fence, and wood mat chips. AGR construction provided information to Wanzek and they said they would get to it as soon as they could.
6. Randy Thompson (4/24/21) - He was asking about rock removal, debris, silt fence removal etc. The farm is being planted this week and wants all items removed soon.
7. Kent Leibel (4/24/21) He is about to start planting and was saying a group was on site cleaning up. He has a large hole adjacent to where we crossed the gas line and wants it filled in. He has clay on top and missing topsoil that needs addressed and also found a large chunk of concrete, didn't say the location of the chunk of concrete. I have reached out to the tenant farmer for better details.
8. Randy Thompson's tenant farmer Marlon (4/26/21) – AGR construction met him at E5-E6 to review his concern wanting silt fence pulled prior to planting. AGR construction showed to Wanzek and expected it would be removed by end of day 4/27/21 or the following day.
9. Wayne Knutson (4/26/21) – wanted to know when rocks would get picked up on his property and was concerned about tile being broken from C5 to B1. AGR construction passed on information to Wanzek to address.
10. Al Moore (4/28/21) – He is very happy about rock removal and asked about timing for final grading near turbines. Also asked about getting additional topsoil to level out the depressions along the electrical corridor.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions ([mark.croissant@avangrid.com](mailto:mark.croissant@avangrid.com)).

Sincerely,

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