

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
BY CROWNED RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR )  
A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY )  
FACILITY IN DEUEL, GRANT )  
AND CODINGTON COUNTIES )

EL19-027

**APPLICANT'S SECOND  
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO  
STAFF'S THIRD SET OF DATA  
REQUESTS TO APPLICANT**

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3-11) Referring to the response to data request 2-12, what is the intent of the additional bat acoustic surveys being completed and when will the results be available?

**Response:** CRW II has completed a second round of acoustic surveys in September 10, 2019 – November 12, 2019 to be responsive to a request by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The objective of the survey was to determine the bat species present within areas of potentially suitable northern long-eared bat habitat during the survey period. Consistent with results of the CRW II initial acoustic survey, no northern long-eared bat calls were recorded during the 2019 effort. These results support the overall conclusion that northern long-eared bats are unlikely to be present in the Project Area as described in the Application, Section 11.3.1.2.2. The survey report is being prepared and will be filed in the CRW II docket in early February 2020.

**Supplemental Response:** See attached Bat Acoustic Survey Results.

**Respondent:** Sarah Sappington, Consultant

Dated this 28th day of February, 2020.

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