

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

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

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**Docket
EL19-027**

Reply of Amber Christenson on the issue of “Confidentiality of Easement Agreement” brief filed by Crowned Ridge Wind II LLC on August 27th, 2019.

This reply is response to the applicants request for confidentiality regarding portions of applicant’s leases.

The debate over confidentiality of portions of an unsigned contract is like a swarm of gnats flying around the head of this docket. It is distracting and unnecessary. Much ado about nothing.

These wind contracts, all with similar and sometimes slightly varied language, are scattered around northeastern South Dakota like confetti at Times Square on New Year’s Eve.

The majority of South Dakota residents, any who have been interested in following the wind debate in our counties, have seen at least one, if not several versions.

This process is supposed to benefit the residents of South Dakota and be an open and fair tribunal. Let’s let it be open and fair. The public should be allowed to see what this company is lobbying our PUC for and what they intend to bring to our area.

The contract is not signed and there is no meeting of minds to make it confidential.

The more transparent this process can be, the better for South Dakota.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amber Christenson

Amber Christenson

September 15th, 2019