

**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  
LETTER REGARDING CRW2  
ACTIVE TURBINES**

September 3, 2020

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Ms. Van Gerpen,

I have observed a substantial number of Crowned Ridge Wind 2 turbines operating for no less than the past two weeks. A few days ago, I counted 15 turbines operating in the CRW2 project, at the same pace of rotation as the functioning Crowned Ridge Wind project which commenced commercial operations at the end of December 2019.

I recall CRW turbines were ‘cycling’ the last week of December as a test before going ‘live’ at commercial operations for that particular project. Commissioner Nelson did question during a commission meeting, that Crowned Ridge Wind was not operating at full capacity prior to their commercial operation date, but were instead running at a reduced capacity as a test of the project. Considering that information of the Crowned Ridge Wind project, my concern is that CRW2 is operating turbines while the remainder of the project is yet under construction and CRW2 has not fulfilled the requirements of the permit conditions as so imposed by the Public Utilities Commission, to allow for any commercial operation, and thus should not be operating turbines at this time.

I request the commission investigate and conclude whether or not CRW2 is in fact violating the permit as issued.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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