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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capital Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 East Capital Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Docket No. EL19-027 Application to the SD PUC for a Facility Permit to  
Construct A 300.6 Megawatt Wind Facility

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On September 3, 2020, Amber Christenson filed a letter requesting the Commission investigate whether Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC ("Crowned Ridge II") is violating its permit because she observed certain turbines operating prior to the submittal of all pre-commercial operation date compliance filings. The Crowned Ridge II wind project is not complete and is currently not projected to begin commercial operations until November. The wind turbines that have been constructed are currently undergoing testing, which also tests the feeder lines to the collector substation and the associated substation equipment. As more wind turbines are constructed, those turbines, their feeder lines, and associated substation equipment will also be tested.

As required by the Commission's final order, prior to commercial operations Crowned Ridge II is required to submit:

Condition No. 1: Applicant shall file an itemized affidavit with the Commission attesting that all permits were properly obtained prior to commercial operation. (In Progress to be Submitted)

Condition No. 13: Applicant shall file any amendments to the Level III Archaeological Survey with the Commission and provide a copy of the survey to the SHPO prior to commercial operation. (In Progress to be Submitted)

Condition No. 34: Applicant shall apply to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval to utilize an Aircraft Detection Lighting System. Such application shall be made to allow enough time for a FAA determination and system construction prior to the commercial operation

date of the Project. (Complete; ADLS Application was submitted on April 20, 2020 and is constructed)

Condition No. 47: Commercial operation may not begin prior to completion of the installation of low noise trailing edge blade attachments on Crowned Ridge Wind I turbines. (Complete; see July 30, 2020 Letter filed in EL19-027 explaining that LNTE installation in Crowned Ridge I was completed.)

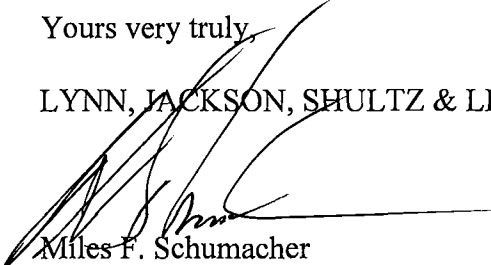
In addition, consistent with the representations in the proceeding and Condition No. 33, Northern States Power Company ("NSP") has purchased the wind project at least 30 days prior to commercial operations date and will also make the necessary filings to transfer to the permit to NSP.

Given that the Crowned Ridge II wind project is not anticipated to be in commercial operations until November and all pre-commercial operation compliance filings are either complete or in progress, there is no reason for the Commission to convene an investigation as requested by Ms. Christenson.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

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