

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

EXHIBIT I-4

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CROWNED RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR)
WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN) EL19-027
DEUEL, GRANT AND CODINGTON COUNTIES)

AFFIDAVIT OF LARETTA KRANZ
17553 468TH AVE., GOODWIN, SOUTH DAKOTA 57238

State of South Dakota, County of Deuel: ss.

Laretta Kranz, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

1 My name is Laretta Kranz, and my address is noted above. The legal description for
2 this property, in the name of The BRIAN AND LARETTA KRANZ TRUST, is **THE**
3 **SOUTH HALF (INCLUDING THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 1A), LESS VILLAGE**
4 **OF BEMIS, AND LESS DARWIN AND MARY MACK ADDITION, SECTION 20,**
5 **TOWNSHIP 116 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., DEUEL COUNTY.**
6 This is a parcel of about 268 acres. In addition, the trust owns a number of the lots in and
7 around Bemis.

8 The parcel was purchased by Brian Kranz, and his brother, Ruben, in 1962. I was
9 married to Brian the following year, and in 1973, Ruben conveyed his interests to Brian and
10 me. Brian passed away in September 2015.

11 My home, which we constructed in 1979, is about two and one-half miles south of
12 Goodwin. We also built a number of other new buildings on the farm. I have been informed
13 that my home is now known to Crowned Ridge Wind as receptor CR2-D223-NP.

14 Crowned Ridge did try to get ^{me} us to sign up as a Participating owner. I gave the ^{JK}
15 document to my neighbor, Garry Ehlebracht, for his opinion, and ^{JK} we talked about it with
16 Garry several times. If I had agreed to the lease and easement, I can see that my property and
17 my home would have been entirely open to the "Effects" mentioned in Section 5.2 of that
18 proposal. I did not wish to be a Participant then – and I also don't wish now, as a Non-
19 Participant, to have my home or my land invaded by either the noise or the Shadow Flicker
20 from these proposed wind turbines. My home is said to be 2,749 feet from the nearest

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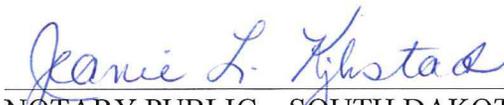
1 turbine, and even at that distance, the experts have predicted I will receive some amount of
2 Shadow Flicker – 3 hours a year - and the noise listed will be greater than what I believe is
3 now the case for our rural area – 42.6 dBA. I’ve not paid for any sound studies of the sound
4 or noise we now have in our neighborhood, and from what I understand Crowned Ridge has
5 not done that study either. I do know I live in a pretty quiet area, and I am able to sleep at
6 night.

7 As to my land and my home, the added burden of the noise and Shadow Flicker – and
8 the further burden that I believe will come in the form of low frequency noise and infrasound,
9 not regulated by Deuel County’s Zoning Ordinance – will not be welcomed here. I recognize
10 that many of my neighbors and friends will have it much worse than I. I am thankful for the
11 friendship and advice of my neighbors, and also that I did not sign the proposed option from
12 Crowned Ridge’s agent.

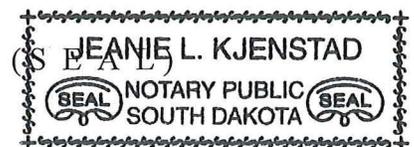
13 I am pretty fussy about who can enter my farm to hunt or do other things, and that’s
14 so whether they are looking to stay for 5 hours or just 5 minutes. The County shouldn’t take
15 those kinds of decisions out of my hands. But, I also do not think it right that Crowned
16 Ridge, for however long they now wish to operate this wind farm, has been given the right to
17 dump noise and Shadow Flicker on my home and property, because the Zoning Ordinance
18 and our Board of Adjustment says that’s now okay. I did not give any easement or a license
19 for this use of my property, and I do not wish to become another one of the many lab animals
20 for this experiment in Deuel County.


LARETTA KRANZ

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, BY SAID LARETTA KRANZ, PERSONALLY KNOWN
OR PROVEN TO ME TO BE SUCH PERSON, THE DATE ENTERED BELOW.

Date: Dec 2, 2019 
NOTARY PUBLIC – SOUTH DAKOTA

My Commission Expires: 1/20/2023



Affidavit of Laretta Kranz

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