

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
BY MERIDIAN WIND PROJECT, LLC)
FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY)
FACILITY AND A 345-kV TRANSMISSION)
FACILITY IN HYDE COUNTY, SOUTH)
DAKOTA)
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**AMENDED MOTION FOR
ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

EL20-013

Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby files this Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

This docket was opened on April 23, 2020, with the filing by Meridian Wind Project, LLC (Applicant), for a permit of a wind energy facility and 345-kV transmission facility. The parties to this proceeding are currently Staff, Applicant, and Intervenor Nick Ferens.

On August 21, 2020, Applicant filed a Motion to Extend Deadline for Commission Action. Based upon Applicant's Motion, and having discussed the matter with Mr. Koenecke, attorney for Applicant, who conveyed agreement, Staff requests the following schedule be adopted:

ACTION	ESTIMATED DATE
Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due	February 5, 2021
Rebuttal Testimony Due	March 5, 2021
Final Discovery to All Parties	March 22, 2021
Final Responses to Discovery Due	April 7, 2021
Witness and Exhibit List Due and Exhibits Prefiled	April 14, 2021
Final Prehearing Conference	April 19, 2021
Evidentiary Hearing	April 20 OR 21, 2021
Final Order Due	June 11, 2021

In addition, Staff requests the Commission order that all responses to discovery requests are due 10 business days after service, unless otherwise agreed to, in writing, by the inquiring and responding parties. Staff further requests the Commission order that the Parties must prefile

testimony in accordance with the procedural schedule for any witness called to testify. Without consent from all Parties and Commission approval, no person may testify at the evidentiary hearing if the witness did not file prefiled testimony.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order adopting the above proposed procedural schedule and establishing a ten-business day deadline for responses to discovery requests, with the exception of final discovery, which Staff requests be due on April 7, 2021.

Dated this 9th day of September 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristen N. Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

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