

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

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**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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**SDCL 49-41B-24.1  
MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE  
FOR COMMISSION ACTION  
EL20-013**

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-24.1 Meridian Wind Project, LLC (herein Applicant) requests the SD Public Utilities Commission (herein Commission) extend the time for a decision in this matter as authorized in SDCL 49-41B-24.1. By way of background and in support of this Motion, the Applicant offers the following:

1. On April 23, 2020, the Applicant filed documents with the Commission to obtain siting/construction approval for a wind farm and associated 345 kV transmission line facility in Hyde County (herein the Project).
2. The Project applied for a Conditional Use Permit in Hyde County which hearing was held July 7, 2020. Hyde County has been unable to pass a motion on the application due to having a small make up of the Board of Adjustment for this application. Hyde County is taking steps to reform its procedures congruent with the passage of SB 157 in the 2020 Legislature.
3. The Project's intention is to reapply for a Conditional Use Permit from Hyde County in the very near future. Reapplying will provide Hyde County with an ability to fill a full Board of Adjustment to hear the application and render a decision.

4. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-24 the Commission must issue complete findings within nine months of receipt of an application.
5. Unless extended, the deadline occurs on January 23, 2021.
6. The Applicant now requests the Commission act, pursuant to law, to extend the docket 90 days so that the Applicant can reapply in Hyde County and conclude those proceedings.
7. SDCL 49-41B-24.1 gives the Commission authority to extend the above deadline upon request of the applicant.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests the Commission extend the deadline for a decision in this docket by at least ninety (90) days.

Dated this 21 day of August 2020.

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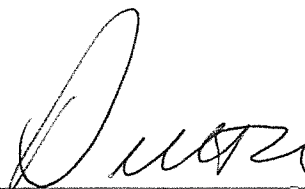
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