

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
WILD SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC FOR A PERMIT)	FOR RELEASE OF
OF A SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY IN)	DECOMMISSIONING BOND;
PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER APPROVING
)	REPLACEMENT
)	DECOMMISSIONING BOND
)	
)	EL20-018

On May 15, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit (Application) from Wild Springs Solar, LLC (Wild Springs or Applicant). Wild Springs proposes to construct a solar energy facility to be located in Pennington County, South Dakota (Project). The Project would be situated within approximately 1,499 acres and located approximately ½ mile south of New Underwood, South Dakota. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 128 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity. On December 4, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility. The permit includes Condition No. 38 that requires Wild Springs to file a surety bond with the Commission, for Commission approval, in the total amount of the approved decommissioning cost estimate, at least 60 days prior to commencement of commercial operation.

On May 21, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 14, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. A telephonic input meeting was held on July 1, 2020. On March 15, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Approving Bond. On November 18, 2025, Wild Springs filed a Motion for Release of Decommissioning Surety Bond and Approval of Replacement Decommissioning Surety Bond.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter-41B, specifically 49-41B-39.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Wild Springs Solar LLC's Motion for Release of Decommissioning Surety Bond and Approval of Replacement Decommissioning Surety Bond. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Wild Springs Solar LLC's Motion for Release of Decommissioning Surety Bond and Approval of Replacement Decommissioning Surety Bond is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that Decommissioning Surety Bond No. 190047588 and the associated Bond Rider is hereby released. It is further

ORDERED, that Decommissioning Surety Bond No. EACX4046853 and the three associated Surety Riders are hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Janie L. Fuerst

Date: 12/04/2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner