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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Secretary South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Wild Springs Solar, LLC for a Permit of a Solar Energy Facility in Pennington County, South Dakota

Docket EL20-18

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In response to data requests from Commission Staff in the above-referenced docket, Wild Springs Solar, LLC ("Wild Springs") submits the following updated documents:

- 1. Updated Decommissioning Cost Estimate;
- 2. Updated Decommissioning Cost Estimate Memorandum;
- 3. Updated form of Surety Bond (Exhibit A to the Motion filed February 16, 2024); and
- 4. Certificate of Service.

Wild Springs requests the Commission approve the enclosed updated decommissioning cost estimate for the Project, which was prepared by Westwood Engineering and is based on the Project's final as-built design. The updated decommissioning cost estimate includes a comparison between the September 2020 cost estimate provided with Applicant's Updated Response to Staff's Data Request 2-2 to Applicant and the current cost estimate, with notes explaining the changes. Provided with the updated decommissioning cost estimate is a memorandum further explaining the updates made to the decommissioning cost estimate and the assumptions used to support the calculations. An updated form of the surety bond is enclosed that reflects Westwood's updated cost estimate.

With the exception of the Motion for Partial Exemption from Condition No. 38, the enclosed documents are intended to replace the documents filed on February 16, 2024.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service/Service List (via email)