

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY</b>	)	<b>ORDER CANCELING</b>
<b>NORTH BEND WIND PROJECT, LLC FOR A</b>	)	<b>EVIDENTIARY HEARING</b>
<b>PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE</b>	)	
<b>THE NORTH BEND WIND PROJECT IN</b>	)	
<b>HYDE COUNTY AND HUGHES COUNTY,</b>	)	
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	)	<b>EL21-018</b>

On June 23, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from North Bend Wind Project, LLC (North Bend Wind or Applicant) for an application for a permit to construct the North Bend Wind Project, a wind energy facility located on approximately 46,931 acres of land in Hyde County and Hughes County, South Dakota, in the townships of Butte, Chapelle, Harrold, Holabird, Pleasant Valley, Pratt, and Webster (Project). The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 200 megawatts nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 71 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground 34.5-kilovolt (kV) electrical collector lines, underground fiber-optic cable, a 34.5-kV to 230-kV collection substation, a 230-kV interconnection switching station, an aircraft detection lighting system and one permanent meteorological tower. The Project will interconnect to Western Area Power Administration's Fort Thompson-Oahe 230-kV transmission line, which crosses the southern portion of the project area. The Project, at the time of filing this application, has not executed a purchase power agreement. Applicant estimates the total cost of the Project to be between \$265 and \$285 million.

On June 24, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 23, 2021, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On July 2, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order For and Notice of Public Input Meeting; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status. On August 11, 2021, the Commission held a public input meeting in Pierre, South Dakota. On September 17, 2021, the Commission granted party status to Judi Bollweg, individually and on behalf of Tumbleweed Lodge and Bollweg Family, LLLP, and Michael Bollweg, individually and on behalf of Bollweg Family, LLLP (Intervenors). On December 6, 2022, Intervenors filed a Motion to Withdraw. On December 9, 2022, Applicant, citing an agreement in principle, a stipulation, and a joint motion with staff, requested the hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., CST, Tuesday, December 13, 2022, through Wednesday, December 14, 2022, with the marking of exhibits to begin at 8:30 a.m., CST, Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in Room 414, State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota, be canceled.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 15-6, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22.

Due to the Intervenors withdrawal and the pending settlement between staff and Applicant the hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., CST, Tuesday, December 13, 2022, through Wednesday, December 14, 2022, with the marking of exhibits to begin at 8:30 a.m., CST, Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in Room 414, State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota, is hereby canceled. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., CST, Tuesday, December 13, 2022, through Wednesday, December 14, 2022, with the marking of exhibits to begin at 8:30 a.m., CST, Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in Room 414, State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota, is hereby canceled.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of December 2022.

**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: Adam Lettueck

Date: 12/12/22

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner