

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING JOINT</b>
<b>BY NORTH BEND WIND PROJECT, LLC</b>	)	<b>STIPULATION AND MOTION TO</b>
<b>FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND</b>	)	<b>ADOPT SECOND REVISED</b>
<b>OPERATE THE NORTH BEND WIND</b>	)	<b>PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE</b>
<b>PROJECT IN HYDE COUNTY AND</b>	)	
<b>HUGHES COUNTY, 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) 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. 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 November 11, 2021, The Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Procedural Schedule. On November 24, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion to Extend Deadline. On December 14, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion to Adopt Revised Procedural Schedule. On March 8, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion to Extend Deadline. On August 17, 2022, North Bend filed a Letter Regarding Motion for Scheduling Order and the Signed Hughes County Board of Adjustment Conditional Use Permit. On September 19, 2022, North Bend, Intervenors and staff filed a Joint Stipulation and Motion to Adopt Second Revised Procedural Schedule.

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.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2022, the Commission considered this matter and voted unanimously to grant the Joint Stipulation and Motion to Adopt Second Revised Procedural Schedule. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Stipulation and Motion to Adopt Second Revised Procedural Schedule is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that responses to discovery shall be due ten business days from receipt of discovery, all witnesses must submit prefiled testimony, and all exhibits must be marked and filed prior to the Evidentiary Hearing. It is further

ORDERED that the procedural schedule is as follows:

Rebuttal Testimony Due ..... September 30, 2022  
Surrebuttal Testimony Due ..... October 14, 2022  
Final Discovery to All Parties.....November 9, 2022  
Responses to Final Discovery Due..... November 23, 2022  
Witness/Exhibit Lists Due ..... December 6, 2022  
Evidentiary Hearing ..... December 13-14, 2022

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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: <u>Adam Detrick</u>
Date: <u>9/29/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner