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**RE: June 10, 2021 Commission Meeting, Items for Commission Discussion, Sample Periodic Progress Report for Wind Energy Facilities**

Ms. Van Gerpen,

At the May 13, 2021 commission meeting, the commission, commission staff, and interested parties discussed the need for periodic progress reports for wind energy facilities. During that meeting, the commission requested that commission staff submit a sample report that outlines the desired information from permitted wind facilities. Please find attached a sample report that staff would like to discuss at the June 10, 2021 commission meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jon Thurber  
Utility Analyst  
SD PUC Staff

**XYZ Wind Project  
Docket EL20-999  
May 2021 Construction Report**

May 2021 Activities

- Cable plowing is 30% complete
- Grading of crane paths is 40% complete
- Turbine sites 1 - 24 are prepared for tower delivery and erection
- Tools and machines were delivered to laydown yard for tower erection
- O&M building interior work is complete

Planned June 2021 Activities

- Turbine components are scheduled to be delivered beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>
- O&M building exterior work and landscaping continues
- Cable plowing, crane path grading, and site preparation work continues
- Turbines 1 - 8 are scheduled to be erected

Project Contacts

| Resident  | Contact Description  | Status   | Status Description  |
|-----------|--|----------|---|
| John Doe  | Road damage on 159th St; needs proper signage  | Resolved | Repaired road/posted sign   |
| Jane Doe  | Debris laying in field and drain tile damage   | Open     | Picked up debris; tile will be fixed by 6/8                             |
| Jimmy Doe | Questions about crop compensation process  | Resolved | Explained crop damage process   |
| Jill Doe  | Grading needs to be completed to restore drainage; contractor has not resolved after multiple requests | Open     | Contractor will grade field by 6/15 to restore land to original contour |
| Joe Doe   | Construction noise after dark; sound limits  | Resolved | Explained permit allows construction until 9 PM                         |

Permit Compliance Checklist

Construction Start Date – 4/1/2021(A), Commercial Operations Date – 12/31/2021(E), Reclamation Completion Date – 10/15/2022(E)

| Condition | Condition Description                     | Filing Due Date | Filing Date | Notes                                      |
|-----------|---|-----------------|-------------|--|
| 1         | File copies of all applicable permits     | Various         | 03/29/2021  | Obtain prior to activity                   |
| 9(e)      | File road reclamation documentation       | 04/13/2023      |             |  |
| 9(h)      | Furnish road bond                         | 04/01/2021      | 03/29/2021  |  |
| 9(h)      | Release road bond                         | Varies          |             | File after roads are repaired              |
| 15        | File Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan | 04/01/2021      | 03/29/2021  |  |
| 30        | File pre-construction plans               | 03/02/2021      | 03/01/2021  |  |
| 31        | File post-construction as-built designs   | 03/31/2022      |             |  |
| 33        | File Emergency Response Plan              | 12/31/2021      |             |  |
| 35        | File avian mortality monitoring report    | Varies          |             | 2 years of monitoring and data compilation |
| 36        | File Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy   | 04/01/2021      | 03/29/2021  |  |
| 42        | File Decommissioning Escrow Account       | 11/01/2021      |             |  |