

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY) DEUEL HARVEST WIND ENERGY SOUTH) LLC FOR ENERGY FACILITY PERMITS OF A) WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A 345-KV) TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN DEUEL) COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE SOUTH) DEUEL WIND PROJECT))	ORDER GRANTING PARTY STATUS EL24-023
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On June 28, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for Energy Facility Permits (Application) by Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South LLC (Deuel Harvest or Applicant), an affiliate of Invenergy LLC. Deuel Harvest proposes to construct a wind energy facility and a 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Gen-Tie Line) to be located in Deuel County, South Dakota, known as the South Deuel Wind Project (Project). The Project would be situated within an approximately 34,339-acre project area, in the townships of Blom, Brandt, Clear Lake, Norden, and Scandinavia. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 260 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity and deliver up to 250 MW to the point of interconnection. The proposed Project includes up to 68 wind turbines, electrical collection and supervisory control and data acquisition systems, a 34.5 kV to 345 kV collector substation, an approximately 6-mile long 345 kV generator transmission tie line, improvements to enable the interconnection of the Project into the existing 345 kV Astoria interconnection switchyard, an operations and maintenance facility, up to two aircraft detection lighting system towers; access roads, and up to three meteorological towers. The Project will also include temporary construction areas: crane paths, public road improvements, a general construction laydown yard, staging areas, and a concrete batch plant, as needed. The Gen-Tie Line will transmit electricity approximately 6 miles from the collector substation to the point of interconnection at the existing Astoria 345 kV interconnection switchyard owned by Otter Tail Power Company. The Project, which has an estimated construction cost of \$621 million, is expected to be in commercial operation in December 2026.

On July 3, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 27, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings listserv. On July 9, 2024, 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 21, 2024, the Commission received an Application for Party Status from Lake Cochrane Improvement Association. On August 23, 2024, the Commission received an Application for Party Status from Jay Grabow. On August 27, 2024, the Commission received an Application for Party Status from Josh Bekaert. On August 29, 2024, Deuel Harvest filed a Letter regarding Lake Cochrane Improvement Association, Jay Grabow, and Josh Bekaert's Applications for Party Status.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22, specifically 20:10:22:40.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. Clarifying that Jay Grabow was being granted party status as an individual and in his official capacity as a county commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Party

Status to Lake Cochrane Improvement Association, Jay Grabow, and Josh Bekaert. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Party Status is hereby granted to the Lake Cochrane Improvement Association, Jay Grabow, and Josh Bekaert.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of September 2024.

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: *Kristie Fiegen*

Date: 11 Sept 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chi Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner