

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
DEUEL HARVEST WIND ENERGY SOUTH)	FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
LLC FOR ENERGY FACILITY PERMITS OF)	
A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A 345-KV)	
TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN DEUEL)	
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE)	EL24-023
SOUTH DEUEL WIND PROJECT)	

On June 28, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for Energy Facility Permits (Application) from 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 Filing electronic 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 September 13, 2024, Staff filed a Motion for Procedural Schedule.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 24, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. No party objected to the schedule suggested by Staff in its Motion. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Staff's Motion for Procedural Schedule filed on September 13, 2024. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion for Procedural Schedule is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Procedural schedule is established as follows:

Staff/Intervenor Testimony Filed.....12:00 P.M. CDT, November 13, 2024
 Rebuttal Testimony Filed.....12:00 P.M. CDT, December 5, 2024
 Final Discovery Sent.....5:00 P.M. CDT, December 11, 2024
 Responses to Final Discovery Due.....December 23, 2024
 Exhibits and Witness/Exhibit Lists Filed.....12:00 P.M. CDT, January 14, 2025
 Pre-hearing Conference.....2:00 P.M. CDT, January 16, 2025
 Evidentiary Hearing.....January 21-24, 2025

It is further

ORDERED, that responses to discovery are due ten business days after service of discovery except as provided in the procedural schedule above. It is further

ORDERED, that prefiled testimony must be submitted for all witnesses as a prerequisite to providing testimony at the evidentiary hearing, with the exception of rebuttal witnesses responding to new issues raised at the evidentiary hearing. It is further

ORDERED that all exhibits be marked and filed prior to the evidentiary hearing.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th 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:	<u>Kristie Fiegen</u>
Date:	<u>25 September 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
 GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
 CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner