

August 29, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: 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

Docket EL24-023

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South LLC (“South Deuel Wind”) submits this reply to the applications for party status filed by the Lake Cochrane Improvement Association (“LCIA”), Jay Grabow (a Deuel County Commissioner), and Josh Bekaert. LCIA filed an application dated August 21, 2024. Mr. Grabow filed an application dated August 23, 2024. Mr. Bekaert filed an application on August 27, 2024.

LICA’s Application for Party Status

LCIA states that it is a non-profit corporation that includes property owners on or near Lake Cochrane. LCIA cites concerns about three proposed turbine sites (locations 21, 22, and 49) within the Project Area, and states that the turbine locations should be further evaluated in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) directives. South Deuel Wind notes that the FAA will evaluate all proposed turbine sites, including the three identified by LCIA.

South Deuel Wind does not object to LCIA’s intervening in this proceeding. South Deuel Wind notes that, should the Commission grant LCIA party status, there is a significant likelihood of overlapping and duplicative interests shared between LCIA and Mr. Matthew Holden.¹ South Deuel Wind therefore requests that, if the Commission grants intervention to LCIA, it clarify that

¹ Mr. Holden previously submitted an application for party status on behalf of LCIA on July 23, 2024. That application was withdrawn, and Mr. Holden submitted an application on behalf of himself only on July 31, 2024. The Commission granted Mr. Holden’s request on August 16, 2024.

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LCIA will represent the interests of its members, and Mr. Holden will represent his individual interests.

Mr. Grabow's Application for Party Status

Mr. Grabow resides in Gary, South Dakota, and would like to be involved in the Project "for the benefit and protection of Deuel County." South Deuel Wind does not object to Mr. Grabow intervening in this proceeding on his own behalf.

Mr. Bekaert's Application for Party Status

Mr. Bekaert resides on his property in Astoria, South Dakota, within a quarter mile of the proposed Project Area. South Deuel Wind does not object to Mr. Bekaert intervening in this proceeding on his own behalf.

Sincerely,

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