

September 30, 2026

Ms. Leah Mohr
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
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 EL 24-023

Dear Ms. Mohr:

Pursuant to Order Condition 44 of the Final Decision dated March 10, 2025, Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South LLC (South Deuel Wind) submits this quarterly progress report regarding the South Deuel Wind Project (Project).

Construction Schedule

Since the quarterly progress report filed with the Commission on June 30, 2026, the customer contract for the Project has been fully executed and is complete. Since August 2025, the Project continues to await counter signature of a Mitigation Agreement by the Department of Defense. This agreement is necessary for the Project to proceed and to allow the Federal Aviation Administration to issue Determinations of No Hazard needed prior to construction of all wind turbines.

Renewable energy trade associations filed a lawsuit against the Department of Defense regarding the halting of routine permitting and national security reviews for land-based wind energy projects nationwide. A preliminary injunction hearing was held on August 4, 2026, followed by the judge's ruling on August 6, 2026, allowing the case to proceed under compliance by the Department of Defense with court-ordered status reporting. This litigation is ongoing and the court is overseeing the implementation of and compliance with its rulings.

With a 2030 in-service date, the Project's construction is expected to continue in Summer 2029 and be completed by the end of 2030 depending on backfeed date and federal approvals. The projected construction dates below include the possibility for either a 2029 or 2030 in-service date.

Preliminary Construction Schedule		
Activity	Start	End
Initial Start of Construction	August 2025	August 2025
Continuation of Construction	June 2026	June 2026

Preliminary Construction Schedule		
Activity	Start	End
Site Preparation	August 2028/2029	December 2028/2029
Access Roads	August 2028/2029	November 2028/2029
Turbine Foundations	August 2028/2029	November 2028/2029
Electrical Collection System	September 2028/2029	May 2029/2030
ADLS Installation	September 2028/2029	June 2029/2030
Turbine Deliveries	May 2029/2030	July 2029/2030
Turbine Installation	May 2029/2030	August 2029/2030
Turbine Wiring	May 2029/2030	September 2029/2030
Mechanical Completion	September 2029/2030	
Backfeed	June 2029/2030	
Commissioning	July 2029/2030	October 2029/2030
Substantial Completion	November 2029/2030	
Commercial Operations	December 2029/2030	

Consumer Contacts

No consumer contacts have been received since the issuance of the Final Decision.

Permit Condition Checklist

Condition	Requirement	Filing Due	Filing Date
1	File affidavit attesting all permits received to the Commission	Prior to commercial operation	Not yet applicable
4	Send landowner notice letters and file a copy to the Commission	At least 14 days prior to construction	7/16/25 for start of construction, 5/5/26 and 5/6/26 for continuation of construction. ¹
8(e)	File road repair documentation to the Commission	Within 180 days after construction and reclamation	Not yet applicable
10	Report discovery of critical habitat to Commission	Promptly upon discovery	Not yet applicable
11	Notify SHPO and Commission if eligible historic/cultural resource cannot be avoided	Prior to excavation of affected area	Not yet applicable
13	File final cultural resources investigation report to the Commission	Prior to commercial operation	Not yet applicable

¹ Requirement will be completed again in the future as applicable to the remaining construction activities.

Condition	Requirement	Filing Due	Filing Date
14	File SWPPP to the Commission	Once final project design is completed and SWPPP is finished for NPDES permit	Not yet applicable ²
22	File affidavit for wind turbine location changes that are 250 feet or less, if needed, to the Commission for material change to turbine layout	Prior to construction of the affected turbine	Not yet applicable
22	File request for material change, if needed, to the Commission	Prior to construction of the affected turbine	Not yet applicable
23	File request for material deviation, if needed, to the Commission for material change to Gen-Tie Line	Prior to construction of the Gen-Tie Line	Not yet applicable
29	File required preconstruction information to the Commission	30 days prior to construction	7/10/25 for start of construction, 4/13/26 for continued construction ³
30	File post construction report to the Commission	Within 90 days after reaching commercial operations	Not yet applicable
32	File Emergency Response Plan with Commission	Upon completion of construction	Not yet applicable
33	Notify public safety agencies	Prior to construction	7/16/25 for start of construction, 4/29/26 for continuation of construction
34	File Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy with the Commission	Prior to construction	6/28/24
35	Notify Commission of decommissioning	Prior to decommissioning	Not yet applicable
37	Whooping Crane procedure	Prior to commercial operation	Not yet applicable

² South Deuel Wind filed a SWPPP with the Commission applicable to the mud mat work for turbine nos. 37 and 38 on July 29, 2025, and on May 22, 2026, applicable to the mud mat work for turbine nos. 11 and 28.

³ Requirement will be completed again in the future as applicable to the remaining construction activities.

Condition	Requirement	Filing Due	Filing Date
39	Provide copy of Permit and Conditions to local governments	Within 30 days of permit issuance	3/11/25
40	File escrow agreement for Commission approval	At least 60 days prior to commercial operation	Not yet applicable
44	Reports to Staff	Quarterly: Preconstruction and post construction until reclamation completed Monthly: During construction	6/30/25 9/30/25 12/17/25 3/31/26 6/30/26 9/30/26
45	Key Project milestone notices to Commission: Commencement of Construction Construction completion Commercial Operation Date Reclamation Completion Date	Requirement specific timing: As soon as known, but no later than 5 business days prior Within five business days after date reached Upon date reached Within five business days after date reached	7/10/25, 4/13/26 ⁴
46	Provide copy of postconstruction avian and bat mortality monitoring for Project to USFWS, SDGFP, and Commission	As monitoring and reports are completed	Not yet applicable
49	Provide updated contact information to Commission	Promptly upon contact information changing	Not yet applicable

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

⁴ South Deuel Wind provided this notice on July 10, 2025, applicable to the mud mat work for turbine nos. 37 and 38. South Deuel Wind provided an additional notice on April 13, 2026, applicable to the mud mat work for turbine nos. 11 and 28.

Sincerely,

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