

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
BY PHILIP WIND PARTNERS, LLC, FOR )  
ENERGY FACILITY PERMITS OF A WIND )  
ENERGY FACILITY AND A 230 KV )  
TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN HAAKON )  
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE )  
PHILIP WIND PROJECT )**

**ORDER ASSESSING  
FILING FEE; ORDER  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO  
CONSULTING CONTRACTS**

**EL25-029**

On August 15, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Philip Wind Partners, LLC (Applicant) for Energy Facility Permits of a Wind Energy Facility and a 230-kV Transmission Facility in Haakon County, South Dakota. Applicant proposes to construct the Philip Wind Project and a 230-kV transmission line, (together, Project) to be located in Haakon County, South Dakota. The Project would be situated within an approximately 68,300-acre project area. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 333 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity and deliver up to 300 MW to the point of interconnection. The proposed Project includes up to 87 wind turbines, a 34.5-kV electrical collection and supervisory control and data acquisition systems, a 230-kV collector substation, an approximately 7-mile long 230-kV generator transmission tie line, an operations and maintenance facility, up to three 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, three general construction laydown yards, staging areas, and a concrete batch plant, as needed. The Project will also be supported by a short (less than 1 mile) extension of an existing 230-kV line owned by Basin Electric Power Company (Basin Electric) that will be separately permitted. In addition, the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) will construct the 230-kV Philip North Switchyard and two tie-in lines to interconnect the Project into WAPA's existing Oahe to New Underwood 230-kV transmission line. The Project, which has an estimated construction cost of \$750 million, is expected to be in commercial operation in December 2027.

SDCL 49-41B-12 provides for a filing fee to be assessed to cover the Commission's actual cost of investigating, reviewing, processing, and serving notice of the Application. The minimum fee chargeable is \$20,000 and the maximum fee chargeable, as calculated pursuant to statute, is \$575,000.

On August 20, 2025, 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, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 14, 2025, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-12, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 26, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess Applicant a filing fee up to \$575,000 for

actual expenses incurred in processing this Application, with the minimum fee of \$20,000 to be deposited with the Commission pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-12, and to give the executive director authority to enter into consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Philip Wind Partners, LLC shall be assessed a filing fee in an amount up to \$575,000, with the minimum fee of \$20,000 to be deposited with the Commission, to account for actual expenses incurred in processing this Application. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director shall have the authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2025.

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>29 Aug 2025</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner