

August 31, 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 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.
Docket EL25-029

Dear Ms. Mohr:

Pursuant to Permit Condition 47 of the Final Decision and Order Granting Permits to Construct Facilities issued in Docket EL25-029, Philip Wind Partners, LLC (Philip Wind) submits this monthly construction report regarding the Philip Wind Project (Project).

This report satisfies Permit Condition 47 by providing: (1) a summary of work completed to date; (2) a summary and schedule of remaining Project activities; (3) a summary of consumer contacts and responsive actions; and (4) a permit condition checklist identifying required filings and their status.

Project Updates

On February 12, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) approved the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and granted Energy Facility Permits (Permit) for the Project in Docket EL25-029. The SDPUC Application identified multiple potential turbine models under consideration, and Philip Wind has since executed a Turbine Supply Agreement with Nordex USA, Inc., confirming that the Project will consist of fifty-five (55) Nordex N163/5.9 MW wind turbine generators (108-meter hub height, cold-climate variant), for a total nameplate capacity of 324.5 MW, delivering up to 300 MW to the point of interconnection.

Philip Wind selected Blattner Energy, Inc. (Blattner) as the Project's balance-of-plant (BOP) contractor. Pursuant to Permit conditions, Blattner mobilized onsite in June 2026 to complete initial mud-mat construction and began full-Project construction on July 13, 2026, following the full-Project construction notice filed June 30, 2026 (Permit Condition 48(a)) and public safety agency notifications completed June 11, 2026 (Permit Condition 36). The updated preliminary construction schedule below reflects Blattner's current plan.

Preliminary Construction Schedule		
Activity	Start	End
Mud-Mat Construction (T-37, T-59)	June 2026	June 2026
Full-Scale Construction Mobilization	July 2026	July 2026
Access Roads & Laydown/Marshalling Yards	July 2026	Winter 2026 Shutdown
Civil Work & Turbine Foundations	August 2026	December 2026
Electrical Collection System	August 2026	December 2027
High-Voltage / Substation & Gen-Tie Work	June 2027	December 2027
Wind Turbine Generator Installation	June 2027	December 2027
Balance of Plant Substantial Completion	January 2028	January 2028
Commercial Operations Date	March 2028	March 2028

Construction Activities

- Blattner completed initial mud-mat installation at Turbine Nos. 37 and 59, including silt fence installation, excavation, top soil stripping, and placement of mud mats in June 2026.
- Following commencement of full-scale construction on July 13, 2026, Blattner mobilized crews onsite and began construction of the laydown yard, marshalling yard, and batch plant, along with access road installation.
- Supplemental cultural resource surveys were conducted for portions of the Project outside the initially surveyed cultural corridors. The report for the additional areas of survey was completed and is pending SD SHPO review as of August 31, 2026. Blattner's onsite work is confined to areas where all cultural and wetland surveys have already occurred.
- Environmental compliance monitoring kick-off activities began with HWA Wildlife Consulting, including development of a master environmental commitments tracking spreadsheet and coordination of field audit protocols ahead of ground-disturbing activities.

Upcoming Construction Activities

- Continued civil work, including public road improvements, access road installation, public road improvements, and site grading (excavation for turbine foundations).
- Turbine foundation installation is expected to begin in September.
- Expect to begin mobilization for collection cable work including conduit boring and cable trenching in mid September.

Consumer Contacts

Contact	Description	Status	Status Description
Philip Wind Landowners, and County Officials	Construction kickoff dinner – provide construction overview slide show walking through expected upcoming construction with landowners, and county officials.	Complete	July 8, 2026
Haakon County Commissioners	Philip Wind's onsite construction manager has received calls from county officials regarding road conditions. Nearby residents raised concerns about muddy roads after heavy rain and dust during dry conditions to county commissioners.	Ongoing	Coordination with county officials continues. Blattner is controlling dust with an onsite water truck and local water source while completing road improvements to minimize impacts to residents.

Permit Condition Checklist

Condition	Requirement	Filing Due Date	Filing Date	Notes
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	6/3/26	Letters mailed 6/2/26; notice covered mud-mat and full construction (7/13/26)
8(e)	File road repair documentation to the Commission	Within 180 days after construction and reclamation	Not yet applicable	
8(h)	Furnish indemnity bond (\$1,000,000) to the Commission for the benefit of townships/counties crossed by transmission facilities	Prior to commencing construction	6/30/26	Haakon County notified

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	
14	File SWPPP to the Commission	Once final project design is completed and SWPPP is finished for NPDES permit	7/10/26	Mud-mat SWPPP 6/11/26; full SWPPP 7/10/26
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	6/17/26	Turbine 16 shifted 100 ft north
23	File request for material change, if needed, to the Commission	Prior to construction of the affected turbine	Not yet applicable	
25	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	
26	File request for material change, if needed, to the Commission for material change to Collector Substation and O&M Building	Prior to construction of the Collector Substation and O&M Building	Not yet applicable	

32	File required preconstruction information to the Commission (current design/layout/turbine model, sound and shadow flicker analyses, and demonstration of reduced impacts to non-participants)	30 days prior to construction	6/12/26	Updated design/layout, noise, and shadow flicker filed
33	File post construction report to the Commission	Within 90 days after reaching commercial operations	Not yet applicable	
35	File Emergency Response Plan with Commission	Upon completion of construction	Not yet applicable	
36	Notify public safety agencies	Prior to construction	N/A	Agencies notified 6/11/26; no SDPUC filing required
38	Notify Commission of decommissioning	Prior to decommissioning	Not yet applicable	
39	ADLS reports (Commission reserves right to extend reporting period based on actual ADLS performance)	Quarterly for first two years of Project operation	Not yet applicable	No tower work underway; tower permit application in process
40	Whooping Crane plan	30 days prior to construction	6/8/26	Amended Whooping Crane Plan filed
42	Provide copy of Permit and Conditions to local governments	Within 30 days of permit issuance	N/A	Copies provided; no SDPUC filing required
43	File escrow agreement for Commission approval (decommissioning escrow account)	At least 60 days prior to commercial operation	Not yet applicable	

47	Reports to Staff (summary of work completed, activities remaining and timeline, consumer contacts, and permit condition checklist)	Quarterly: Preconstruction and post construction until reclamation completed Monthly: During construction	This filing	This report; monthly filing began July 2026
48	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	6/30/26	Construction commenced 7/13/26
49	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	
51	Provide updated contact information to Commission	Promptly upon contact information changing	Not yet applicable	
55	Mud Mat construction filings/notices, including surety bond for landowner decommissioning at mud-mat sites	As required in Attachment A; bond remains in place two years or through construction completion, whichever is later	6/17/26	Satisfied for mud-mat sites (T-37, T-59)

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

Sincerely,

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