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October 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 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).

Project Updates

Philip Wind's selected BOP contractor Blattner continued onsite construction during the month of August The most notable onsite construction activities include continued road improvements, section line access roads being installed, and excavation and steel foundation cages being installed. There are not notable changes from the Preliminary Construction Schedule provided July, 2026. The 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	October 2026	December 2027
High-Voltage / Substation & Gen-Tie Work	October 2026	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

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Construction Activities

- Continued SWPPP installation & maintenance, silt fence installation, and top soil stripping activities
- Blattner continued civil work including public road improvements, access road installation, site grading, and excavation for turbine foundations
- Additional mud-mat installation at turbine foundation locations completed
- Rebar installation, foundation grounding, and preparation for turbine foundation concrete pours began.
- Foundation base pours started in September, with conduit installed above
- On-site monthly construction meeting to discuss work performed to date and scheduled for the remainder of the 2026 construction season

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 continue through December. Turbine pedestal pours expected to start next month.
- Expect to begin mobilization for collection cable work including conduit boring and cable trenching in October
- Targeting start of Substation and Operations & Maintenance building grading in October

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Consumer Contacts

Contact	Description	Status	Status Description
Philip Wind Landowners, and County Officials	Construction kickoff dinner – provide construction overview slide show walking though expected upcoming construction with landowners, and county officials.	Complete	July 8, 2026
Haakon County Commissioners	Philip Wind's onsite construction manager has received , and continues coordinating with county officials 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.

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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	Prior to construction of the affected turbine	6/17/26 – T-16	Turbine 16 shifted 100 ft north

	Commission for material change to turbine layout			
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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