

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF
CROWNED RIDGE ENERGY STORAGE I,
LLC FOR A FACILITY PERMIT

**NOTICE OF INTENT
UNDER SDCL § 49-41B-5**

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Pursuant to SDCL § 49-41B-5, Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC (“CRES”) hereby provides notice that it intends to construct, own, and operate an energy conversion facility.

On August 1, 2025, CRES filed in Docket No. EL25-027 a Petition seeking the Commission to disclaim jurisdiction of CRES. On October 1, 2025, the Commission issued an order denying CRES’ Petition, finding that CRES was not excluded from statutory definition of an energy conversion facility. Therefore, as required by SDCL § 49-41B-5, CRES is filing this Notice that it intends to file an application for a facility permit for an energy conversion facility. As required by ARSD 20:10:22:02, this Notice provides the following information:

1. Description of the Size and Type of Proposed Facility (ARSD 20:10:22:02(1));

CRES will be a 120-megawatt, 4-hour Battery Energy Storage System (“BESS”) in Codington County, South Dakota. The BESS will be located on approximately 15.4 acres within the existing Crowned Ridge I Wind Energy Facility project area and connected to the existing Crowned Ridge Wind Collector Substation through an approximately 1,355-foot collection line. CRES will be located on property with a voluntarily executed lease with a purchase option agreement.

2. Estimate of the Total Cost of Construction of the Proposed Facility (ARSD 20:10:22:02(2));

The proposed BESS will cost approximately \$174MM to construct.

3. Identification of the Location of the Proposed Plant Site General Description of the Anticipated Affected Area (ARSD 20:10:22:02(3));

The proposed BESS will be located on approximately 15.4 acres at the southeast intersection of 464th Avenue and 161st Street. The Project is not expected to have significant impacts on the environment, wildlife, or human residences. The majority of the land that will be impacted by the BESS is agricultural. Construction of the Project is not expected to adversely affect terrestrial ecosystems.

4. Brief Statement on Social and Economic Impact of the Proposed Facility (ARSD 20:10:22:02(4));

The BESS will pay property taxes and employ 1-2 full time positions. Approximately 180 construction workers will be required to construct the BESS.

5. Anticipated Permit Authorization Date, Construction Schedule, and Commercial Operation Schedule (ARSD 20:10:22:02(5));

- Anticipated filing of CRES Application for a Facility Permit: 4/2026.
- Anticipated issuance of a Facilities Permit: 4/2027.
- Anticipated construction schedule: start construction 5/2027, with a duration between 9 to 12 months.
- Anticipated Commercial Operation 12/2027 to 5/2027.

6. List of the Names and Addresses of All Chairmen Tribal Councils, Presidents of School Boards, Chairmen of County Commissions, and Mayors of Municipalities in the Anticipated Affected Area Identified (ARSD 20:10:22:02(6));

- Tribal:
Chairman J. Garret Renville
12554 BIA Highway 711
Agency Village, SD 57262

Dianne Derosiers
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
PO Box 907
Sisseton, SD 57262
- Watertown School Board: Jon Iverson, President: address, Watertown School District 200 9th St NE, Watertown, SD 57201
- County Commission: Codington County; Commissioners: Lee Gabel, Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Tryo VanDusen (Chair), Randy Schweer; address, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201
- Watertown Mayor: Ried Holien; address, 23 2nd St NE, Watertown, SD 57201

7. Description of All Permits (ARSD 20:10:22:02(8)); and

- Facility Permit from the Commission;
- Codington County Conditional Use Permit, Road Use Agreement, and Building Permit; and
- No Federal permits required.

8. Questions or Requests Concerning the Proposed Facility, including a Request for a Prefiling Conference: ARSD 20:10:22:02(7).

CRES requests a prefiling conference in March 2026.

CONCLUSION

CRES submits the above-referenced information to satisfy the notice requirements of SDCL § 49-41B-5 and seeks a prefiling conference in March 2026.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2025.

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