

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CROWNED RIDGE ENERGY STORAGE I, LLC
FOR A PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY
CONVERSION FACILITY**

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**ORDER GRANTING
PARTY STATUS
APPLICATIONS**

EL26-014

On May 14, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit from Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC (Applicant). Applicant proposes to construct an energy conversion facility in Codington County, South Dakota, known as the battery energy storage system (Project). The Project as proposed consists of 120-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system (BESS) to store excess energy available on the grid. The Project includes a 120-MW, 4-hour duration BESS facility with associated inverters, transformers, medium voltage (mV) collection cables, and other ancillary facilities, such as fencing, roads, and a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. The Project will connect to the existing CRW Collector Substation via approximately 2,215-foot-long mV collection cables. The Project is expected to be in commercial operation in May 2028. Applicant estimate the total construction cost to be \$174 million.

On May 15, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Meeting; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status and electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 13, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 4, 2026, the Commission issued Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter in Consulting Contracts. On July 1, 2026, the Commission received Timothy Lindgren and Linda M. Lindgren's Applications for Party Status. On July 8, 2026, the Commission received Codington Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Application for Party Status. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:22:40, the deadline for persons to file an application for party status was July 13, 2026.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22, specifically 20:10:22:40.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 14, 2026, the Commission considered all pending Applications for Party Status filed on or before July 8, 2026. With no objection from the Applicant or Commission Staff, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Party Status to Timothy Lindgren, Linda Lindgren, and Codington Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Party Status is hereby granted to Timothy Lindgren, Linda Lindgren, and Codington Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of July 2026.

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: [Signature]

Date: 15 July 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner