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RE: EL26-014- In the Matter of the Application of Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC for a Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility

On October 31, 2025, PUC Staff sent you a letter regarding the Filing by Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC (Crowned Ridge) regarding its Notification of Intent to Apply for a Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility (docket EL25-034). On May 14, 2026, Crowned Ridge filed the Application.

The Application is on file in the Commission's office in the Capitol Building in Pierre and may also be accessed on the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under "Commission Actions," "Commission Dockets," "Electric Dockets," "2026 Electric Dockets," "EL26-014."

Pursuant to SDCL § 49-41B-10, "[w]ithin seven months after the application is filed the local review committee shall file a final report with the Public Utilities Commission which includes the recommendations of the committee as to mitigation measures and minority reports." Therefore, the final report must be filed by December 14, 2026. Instructions for filing can be found on the PUC's website at www.puc.sd.gov by clicking on "E-filings."

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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