

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>CROCKER WIND FARM, LLC FOR A PERMIT )</b>	<b>INTERVENTION AND</b>
<b>OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A 345 KV )</b>	<b>PARTY STATUS</b>
<b>TRANSMISSION LINE IN CLARK COUNTY, )</b>	
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR CROCKER WIND )</b>	<b>EL17-055</b>
<b>FARM )</b>	

On December 15, 2017, Crocker Wind Farm, LLC (Crocker) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an Application for an energy facility permit and a 345 kV Transmission Line (Projects) to construct the Crocker Wind Farm, a wind energy facility located on approximately 29,331 acres of privately owned land in Clark County, South Dakota, approximately 8 miles north of Clark, South Dakota. The proposed projects include up to 120 wind turbines, associated access roads, a new collector substation, an operations and maintenance facility, and associated 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission in Clark County, South Dakota. The projects will result in the installation of approximately 5.2 miles of overhead transmission that will be wholly located within the Wind Farm's boundary. The Transmission Line Route will run from a substation in Section 30 of Township 119N, Range 58W to the Point-of-Interconnect (POI), which is located approximately 2 miles north of the town of Crocker in Section 9 of Township 119N, Range 58W. Two routing options from the substation in Section 30 are under consideration. At the POI, the power will transfer to the Basin Electric Groton-to-Watertown 345 kV transmission line, part of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc./Western Area Power Administration Transmission line portfolio in Clark County, South Dakota. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41 B and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

On December 21, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Petition and the intervention deadline of February 13, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. A public input hearing was held on February 5, 2018. On February 9, 2018, an Application for Party Status was submitted by a law firm representing 64 individuals, each seeking party status.

On February 21, 2018, Crocker filed a Response to Application for Party Status and Motion for Procedural and Scheduling Orders.

During an ad hoc meeting on February 23, 2018, the Commission considered whether to grant intervention to those persons seeking party status. Pursuant to SDCL § 49-41B-17, the Commission voted unanimously to grant intervention to the 64 individuals being represented by the law firm. After discussing and approving the parameters of written testimony, discovery, and the proposed procedural schedule, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the procedural schedule provided in Crocker's brief.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that party status is granted to Dave Adam; Darci Adam; Nancy Tarbox; Jeff Kalo; Shad Stevens; Gale Paulson; Joe Jansen; Linda Jansen; Jean Stevens; Katrina Kalo; Robert Ward; Doug Paulson; Wendy Crabtree; Dustin Van Gilder; Sheldon Adam; Kipp Obermeier; Kimberly Paulson; Lowell Wahl; Norma Wahl; Emma Vig; Cole Vig; Kay Ward; Troy

Mudgett; Heather Johannsen; Lisa Stern; Dana Nordhus; Lori Nordhus; Karen Paulson; Richard Paulson; Alan Berns; LeRoy Monson; Kasey Mehlberg; Kadie Boysen; Donette Dunlavy; Steve Huber; Margaret Nordhus; Charles Tollefson; Kathy Tollefson; Tara Huber; Jesse Huber; Brad Stevens; Allen Stern; Luke Holzwarth; Jennifer Crabtree; John D. Quinn; Steve Headley; Bonnie Headley; Aaron Hemmingsen; Connie Hemmingsen; Seth Hemmingsen; Nicole Peckham; Matt Peckham; Dean Kirkeby; Michael E. Bjerke; Russell Luvaas; Susan Handke; Kenneth Luvaas; Sally Luvaas; Amber Tarbox; Barbara E. Erickson; James E. Erickson; Steve Bjerke; Keith Tarbox; and Chelsey Granum. It is further

ORDERED, that the parties shall follow the procedural schedule as set forth below.

Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due	March 28, 2018
Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony Due	April 13, 2018
Final Day to Serve Discovery to All Parties	April 18, 2018
All Responses to Discovery Due	April 30, 2018
File Witness and Exhibit Lists Due	May 2, 2018
Deadline for Pre-Hearing Motions	May 4, 2018
Final Pre-Hearing Conference	May 8, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing	May 9-11, 2018
Post-Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings Due	May 28, 2018

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam de Hueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>2/26/18</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
 GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
 CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner