

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF AD
BY CROCKER WIND FARM, LLC FOR A)	HOC HEARING
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY)	
AND A 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN)	EL17-055
CLARK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA,)	
FOR CROCKER WIND FARM)	

On December 15, 2017, Crocker Wind Farm, LLC 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 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 Project includes 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 line 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 Projects would generate utility scale electric power for residential, commercial, and industrial consumers.

On February 5, 2018, the Commission held a public input hearing regarding the Projects. On February 26, 2018, the Commission issued a procedural schedule and granted party status to 64 individuals, each represented by a law firm. On March 28, 2018, 62 individuals moved to withdraw their party status.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

The evidentiary hearing was held as scheduled, beginning on May 9, 2018, and ending on May 11, 2018. At the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing, the Commission voted unanimously to amend the procedural schedule that had been issued on February 26, 2018, making May 29, 2018, the deadline for post-hearing briefs and optional proposed findings and conditions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that an ad hoc hearing will be held by the Commission on Friday, June 8, 2018, beginning at 9:00 A.M. CDT, in Room 413, of the Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of May 2018.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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 or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>5/29/18</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner