

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
FLYING COW WIND, LLC FOR A FACILITY)
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 345 KV)
TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED)
FACILITIES IN DEUEL COUNTY)**

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW APPLICATION AND
CLOSE THE DOCKET**

EL18-039

On September 27, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application (Application) from Flying Cow Wind, LLC (FCW or Applicant), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Roaring Fork Wind, LLC, the joint venture formed by subsidiaries of its affiliate Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. and Vestas Wind Systems A/S. FCW proposes to construct approximately 10.42 miles of 345-kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line, a substation, and associated facilities (Project) located entirely within Deuel County, South Dakota. The starting point of the transmission line for the Project is proposed to be located in Government Lot 2 of Section 34 in Township 114N, Range 47W, Norden Township. The ending point will be in the NW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 113N, Range 48 West, Scandinavia Township. The Project is expected to be in service by the third quarter of 2020. FCW estimates the total construction cost of the proposed Project to be approximately \$19.85 million.

On October 2, 2018, the Commission issued its Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Hearing; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status. On October 23, 2018, the Commission issued its Order Assessing Filing Fee; Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into a Consulting Contract. On October 4, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 26, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On October 24, 2018, Flying Cow Wind, LLC filed a letter requesting to withdraw the application due to a newspaper notice publishing error.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD 20:10:01:02.04.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 31, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended the Commission grant Flying Cow Wind, LLC's request to withdraw its application. The Commission unanimously voted to grant Flying Cow Wind, LLC's request to withdraw its application. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Flying Cow Wind LLC's request to withdraw its application is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the docket be dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of November 2018.

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: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>11/05/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner