

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING JOINT</b>
<b>OF CROWNED RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR )</b>	<b>MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF</b>
<b>A FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A )</b>	<b>SETTLEMENT STIPULATION;</b>
<b>230-KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING PERMIT TO</b>
<b>ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN )</b>	<b>CONSTRUCT A TRANSMISSION</b>
<b>CODINGTON COUNTY )</b>	<b>LINE AND ASSOCIATED</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>FACILITIES; NOTICE OF ENTRY</b>
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On April 11, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application (Application) from Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Crowned Ridge II). Crowned Ridge II proposes to construct an approximately 7-mile 230-kilovolt (kV) generation tie line and associated substation facilities (Project) that will connect the 300 megawatt Crowned Ridge Wind II facility to the Crowned Ridge Wind facility collector substation. The planned Crowned Ridge Wind facilities will be permitted separately and are not included as a part of this Project. The generation tie line will be located in Codington County, South Dakota. The Project is expected to be in service by December 31, 2019. Crowned Ridge II estimates the total construction cost of the proposed 230-kV transmission line and associated facilities to be approximately \$9 million.

On April 12, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 11, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On April 17, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Hearing; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status. On April 26, 2018, the Commission issued its Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Consulting Contract. On May 23, 2018, Crowned Ridge II filed supplemental information in support of its Application. On May 30, 2018, the Commission held a Public Input Hearing in Waverly, South Dakota. On December 18, 2018, Crowned Ridge II filed an update reducing the transmission line route to 5 miles. On January 8, 2019, Commission staff and Crowned Ridge II filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and a Settlement Stipulation. On January 11, 2019, Commission staff filed Crowned Ridge II's responses to Commission staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-24, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 1, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket and after making further inquiry of the parties, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. By approving the Settlement Stipulation, the Commission grants Crowned Ridge II's Application for a permit to construct a 230-kV transmission line and associated facilities, subject to the Terms and Conditions listed in the Settlement Stipulation. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation is hereby granted and the Settlement Stipulation is approved and shall be incorporated by reference into this Order

the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein. It is further

ORDERED, that a permit to construct the 230-kV transmission line and its associated facilities is hereby granted to Crowned Ridge II, LLC, subject to the Terms and Conditions set forth in Settlement Stipulation.

**NOTICE OF ENTRY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Granting Permit to Construct a Transmission Line and Associated Facilities was duly issued and entered on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>02/05/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner