

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	ORDER ADOPTING
OF DAKOTA RANGE III, LLC FOR A)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY)	
AND A 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN)	EL18-046
GRANT AND ROBERTS COUNTIES)	

On October 26, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Dakota Range III, LLC (Dakota Range) to construct an approximately 8-mile 345-kilovolt interconnection transmission line and an up to 151.2-megawatt wind energy conversion facility (Project). The Project will be in Grant County and Roberts County, South Dakota, with the wind portion in an 18,717-acre area. The transmission line will run from the Project's substation located in section 13 of Blooming Valley Township, outside the public right of way along 455th Avenue, turning east on Farmington Township's 150th Street to the Otter Tail Power Company switchyard located in section 14 of Mazeppa Township. The Project is expected to be in service by December 31, 2020, with a total of up to 42 wind turbines and associated facilities. Dakota Range estimates the total cost of the proposed Project to be approximately \$200 million.

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

On October 25, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Petition and the intervention deadline of December 26, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. A public input hearing was held on December 18, 2018. No applications for Party Status were received by the Commission.

On December 20, 2018, Staff filed a Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule and Dakota Range filed a Response to Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 28, 2018, the Commission considered whether to grant Staff's Motion to Adopt Procedural Schedule. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt Staff's proposed procedural schedule.

It is therefore

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

Applicant Supplemental Testimony Due	January 4, 2019
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due	February 4, 2019
Rebuttal Testimony Due	February 18, 2019
Final Discovery to All Parties	February 19, 2019

Responses to Final Discovery Due

February 26, 2019

Witness and Exhibit Lists Due

February 27, 2019

Evidentiary Hearing

March 4-6, 2019

It is further

ORDERED, that all discovery responses, except responses to Final Discovery, be due ten business days after service.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of January 2019.

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.

By: Karen E. Bremer

Date: 01/23/19

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen

KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner