

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) OF DEUEL HARVEST WIND ENERGY) LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY) FACILITY AND A 345-KV TRANSMISSION) LINE IN DEUEL COUNTY)	ORDER GRANTING PARTY STATUS; ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
	EL18-053

On November 30, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for Facility Permits (Application) from Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC (Deuel Harvest or Applicant), an affiliate of Invenergy LLC. Deuel Harvest proposes to construct a wind energy facility and a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line with an associated 345-kV interconnection substation to be located in Deuel County, South Dakota, known as the Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm (Project). The Project would be situated within an approximately 48,730-acre project area, in the townships of Portland, Lowe, Altamont, Glenwood, and Herrick (Project Area). The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 310.1 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 112 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground 34.5 kV electrical collector lines, underground fiber-optic cable, a 34.5-kV to 345-kV collection substation, up to four permanent meteorological towers, a 345-kV interconnection substation, an approximately 150-foot long 345-kV transmission line connecting the Project substation and the Interconnection substation, and an operations and maintenance facility. The Project would interconnect to the regional electric grid along the Big Stone to Brookings 345-kV transmission line via a new 345-kV Interconnection Substation located in Glenwood Township and be able to deliver 300 MW of electricity. Deuel Harvest is negotiating a Generator Interconnection Agreement with Otter Tail Power Company and Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. The Project is expected to be completed in 2020. Applicant estimates the total construction cost to be \$400,000,000.

On December 6, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 29, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On December 12, 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 December 18, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee; Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into a Consulting Contract. On January 24, 2019, a public input hearing was held as scheduled. Nine individuals and one utility company filed for party status. On January 25, 2019, Commission staff filed a Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule. On January 31, 2019, Deuel Harvest filed a Response to Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22, specifically 20:10:22:40.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 1, 2019, the Commission considered granting party status to those who filed and Commission staff's Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule. Applicant did not object to any of the requests for party status. No party objected to Commission staff's Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule. The Commission voted unanimously to grant party status to all those who had filed and to adopt Commission staff's proposed procedural schedule. It is therefore

ORDERED, that party status is granted to John Homan, Jon Henslin, Nancy Henslin, Christina Kilby, Will Stone, Garrett Homan, Heath Stone, George Holborn, Ruby Holborn, and Otter Tail Power Company. It is further

ORDERED, that the parties shall follow the procedural schedule as set forth below except as otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Applicant Supplemental Testimony Due	February 14, 2019
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due	March 14, 2019
Rebuttal Testimony Due	April 1, 2019
Final Discovery to All Parties	April 4, 2019
Responses to Final Discovery Due	April 11, 2019
Witness and Exhibit Lists Due	April 12, 2019
Evidentiary Hearing	April 16-19, 2019

It is further

ORDERED, that responses to discovery are due ten business days after service of discovery except as provided in the procedural schedule above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of February 2019.

<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>Karen E. Bremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>02/05/19</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner