

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY) SWEETLAND WIND FARM, LLC FOR) FACILITY PERMITS FOR A WIND ENERGY) FACILITY AND A 230-KV TRANSMISSION) FACILITY IN HAND COUNTY, SOUTH) DAKOTA FOR THE SWEETLAND WIND) FARM PROJECT)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR) APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION) LINE ADJUSTMENTS, TURBINE) MODEL CHANGE, AND TURBINE) ADJUSTMENTS) EL19-012
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On March 6, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application to construct the Sweetland Wind Farm, LLC (Sweetland), a wind energy facility located on approximately 20,979 acres of land in Hand County, South Dakota, in the townships of Pearl, Hulbert, and Rose Hill, South Dakota, and a 230-kV transmission line (Project). The total installed capacity of the Project would be approximately 200 MW nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 71 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground electrical power collector lines connecting the turbines to the Project substation, an operations and maintenance facility, and temporary construction areas, including crane paths, pull sites, access roads, a laydown yard, and a concrete batch plant(s) (as needed), and four permanent meteorological towers. The Project would interconnect to the regional electric grid along the Western Area Power Administration's existing Fort Thompson to Huron transmission line via a new switchyard located in Rose Hill Township. The Project will result in the installation of approximately 7 miles of 230-kV overhead transmission line. The Applicant does not currently have a purchase agreement for the Project but is currently in discussions with interested parties. On July 31, 2019, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility (Permit). On November 18, 2019, Applicant filed a Request for Approval of Transmission Line Adjustments and a Request for Approval of Turbine Model Change and Turbine Adjustments. The purpose of the requested transmission line adjustment is to accommodate a request by the Western Area Power Administration. In the turbine model change request, Applicant seeks permission to utilize a turbine not identified at the time of the Order. Further, Applicant requested approval to move certain turbines greater than 250 feet in order to move them off a property enrolled in the Grassland Reserve Program.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-41B.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 26, 2019, the Commission considered whether to grant Applicant's request for approval of transmission line adjustments, turbine model change, and turbine adjustments. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the requests. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of transmission line adjustments, turbine model change, and turbine adjustments is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of November 2019.

<p>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 de Hueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>11/27/19</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
 GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
 CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner