

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
BY CROWNED RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR)	ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL
A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY)	SCHEDULE
IN DEUEL, GRANT AND CODINGTON)	
COUNTIES)	EL19-027

On July 9, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit (Application) from Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Crowned Ridge or Applicant), a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. Crowned Ridge proposes to construct a wind energy conversion facility to be located in Deuel, Grant, and Codington Counties, South Dakota (Project). The Project would be situated within approximately 60,996-acres in the townships of Waverly, Kranzburg North, Kranzburg South, Troy, Rome, Goodwin, and Havana, South Dakota (Project Area). The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 301 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 132 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground 34.5-kilovolt (kV) electrical collector lines, underground fiber-optic cable, a 34.5-kV to 230-kV collection substation, two permanent meteorological towers, and an operations and maintenance facility. The Project will utilize the Crowned Ridge Wind II 5-mile 230-kV generation tie line and the Crowned Ridge Wind II collector substation to transmit the generation to the dead-end transmission structure adjacent to the Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC project's collector substation and conjoined to the Big Stone South 230-kV Substation, which is owned by Otter Tail Power Company. Applicant has executed a purchase and sale agreement with Northern States Power Company (NSP) to sell NSP the Project and the Facility Permits once constructed. The Project is expected to be completed in 2020. Applicant estimates the total cost of the Project to be \$425 million.

On July 11, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 9, 2019, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On July 31, 2019, Amber Christenson, Allen Robish, and Kristi Mogen were granted Party Status. On August 6, 2019, Garry Ehlebracht, Steven Greber, Mary Greber, Richard Rall, Amy Rall, and Laretta Kranz submitted a corrected Application for Party Status. On August 6, 2019, Applicant submitted a letter stating it had no objection to granting the above-referenced landowners party status. Applicant also requested that pages 3-6 of the Application for Party Status be redacted pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL 15-6-26 (c) (7). On August 7, 2019, the proposed intervenors filed a letter in response to Applicant's redaction request. On August 21, 2019, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission granted party status to the above-referenced persons. The Commission requested the parties brief 1) who can make a confidentiality claim on material filed by another party, and 2) whether pages 3-6 of the August 6, 2019, Application for Party Status should remain confidential. The parties filed briefs addressing these issues. On September 9, 2019, Applicant filed a letter revising its initial request for confidential treatment to Section 11.10 only as found in the August 6, 2019, Application for Party Status (Section 11.10 language). On September 10, 2019, Commission staff filed a Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 15-6, 37-29, 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these laws or other laws of this state in making its determination.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 17, 2019, the Commission considered Commission staff's Motion for Procedural Schedule. No party objected to Commission staff's Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt Commission staff's proposed procedural schedule. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule is hereby granted, and the parties shall follow the procedural schedule as set forth below except as otherwise ordered by the Commission:

Applicant Supplemental Testimony Due	September 20, 2019
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due	December 9, 2019
Rebuttal Testimony Due	January 8, 2020
Final Discovery to All Parties	January 14, 2020
Responses to Final Discovery Due	January 27, 2020
Witness and Exhibit Lists Due and Exhibits Prefiled	January 29, 2020
Final Prehearing Conference	January 30, 2020
Evidentiary Hearing	February 4-7, 2020
Post-Hearing Brief and Proposed Findings of Fact	March 2, 2020

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 20th day of September 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 or by mail.	
By:	<u>Karen E. Cromer</u>
Date:	<u>09/20/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner