

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)
CROCKER WIND FARM, LLC FOR A PERMIT)
OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND A 345 KV)
TRANSMISSION LINE IN CLARK COUNTY,)
SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR CROCKER WIND)
FARM)**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION)
TO TERMINATE)
PUBLIC LIAISON)
SERVICES)

EL17-055)**

On December 15, 2017, Crocker Wind Farm, LLC (Crocker) filed an Application for an energy facility permit and a 345 kV Transmission Line (Project) to construct the Crocker Wind Farm, a wind energy facility located on approximately 29,331 acres of privately owned land in Clark County, South Dakota, approximately 8 miles north of Clark, South Dakota. Following a contested case process, on June 12, 2018, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facilities (Permit). Condition 40 of the Permit requires Crocker to provide a public liaison officer, approved by the Commission. On August 9, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Approving Public Liaison Officer. The Project commenced commercial operations in November 2019. On March 19, 2020, Crocker filed a Motion to Terminate Public Liaison Services.

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

At its March 31, 2020, meeting, the Commission considered Crocker's Motion to Terminate Public Liaison Services. Crocker acknowledged that a Commission-approved public liaison officer will need to be appointed prior to commencement of construction of Phase II of the Project. Staff recommended that the Motion to Terminate Public Liaison Services be granted. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Terminate Public Liaison Services.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Crocker's Motion to Terminate Public Liaison Services is hereby granted and Crocker is relieved of the requirement to have a public liaison officer until such time as construction commences on Phase II of the Project.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of April 2020.

<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>Karen E. Cromes</u></p> <p>Date: April 2, 2020</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