

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)
 DAKOTA RANGE I, LLC AND DAKOTA RANGE II,)
 LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY)
 FACILITY IN GRANT COUNTY AND CODINGTON)
 COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE DAKOTA)
 RANGE WIND PROJECT)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR APPROVAL OF
TRANSFER OF PERMIT**

EL18-003

On January 24, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit for a wind energy facility (Application) from Dakota Range I, LLC, and Dakota Range II, LLC. An evidentiary hearing was held June 12-14, 2018. On July 23, 2018, the Commission issued its Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Wind Energy Facility. On January 6, 2020, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit (Motion) stating it had purchased the membership interests of Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC from APEX Clean Energy, LLC, and was requesting the site permit be transferred from Dakota Range I, LLC and Dakota Range II, LLC to NSP. An Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark, President of NSP-Minnesota, was also filed. The Affidavit stated NSP agreed to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the site permit and was ready, willing, and able to perform the obligations stated within the site permit. At the February 3, 2020, Commission meeting, the matter was deferred. On February 19, 2020, NSP filed documentation of the Assignment and Assumption of Membership Interest.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-29, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

On March 6, 2020, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting the Motion. After reviewing the Motion and the supporting information, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March 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.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>3/9/20</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