

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF |) | ORDER GRANTING MOTION |
| CROWNED RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR A |) | FOR APPROVAL OF |
| FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 230-KV |) | TRANSFER OF PERMIT AND |
| TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED |) | APPROVING TRANSFER OF |
| FACILITIES IN CODINGTON COUNTY |) | PERMIT |
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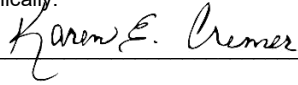
On April 11, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application from Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (Crowned Ridge II). Crowned Ridge II proposed to construct an approximately 7-mile 230-kilovolt generation tie line and associated substation facilities (Project) to connect the 300-megawatt Crowned Ridge Wind II facility to the Crowned Ridge Wind facility collector substation. The generation tie line is located in Codington County, South Dakota. On February 5, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Granting Permit to Construct a Transmission Line and Associated Facilities; Notice of Entry (Permit). On October 19, 2020, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (NSP) filed a Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit, the Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark, President-NSPM, and the Affidavit of David Gil. Mr. Clark stated that on August 16, 2019, NSP entered into an Amended and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement with ESI Energy, LLC, for the acquisition of Crowned Ridge II. Mr. Clark further stated that NSP agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the Permit and stands ready, willing and able to perform the obligations stated therein. Mr. Gil, representing ESI Energy, LLC and NextEra Energy Resources, supported the transfer of the Permit to NSP.

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


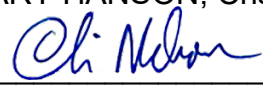
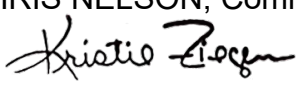
On October 28, 2020, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting the Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit. After reviewing the Motion for Approval of Transfer of Permit and the supporting information, the Commission unanimously 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 and the transfer of the Permit is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of October 2020.

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| 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. |
| By: <u></u> |
| Date: <u>10/30/20</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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| GARY HANSON, Chairman |
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| CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner |
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| KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner |