

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY CROWNED RIDGE WIND, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN GRANT AND CODINGTON COUNTIES)))))	ORDER APPROVING SOUND LEVEL MESUREMENT PROGRAM PROTOCOL
		EL19-003

On January 30, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit for a wind energy facility (Application) from Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC (Crowned Ridge or Applicant) to construct a wind energy conversion facility to be located in Grant County and Codington County, South Dakota (Project). On July 26, 2019, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry (Permit). On January 9, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Temporary Waiver that approved Crowned Ridge to operate temporarily without low noise trailing edge blade (LNTE) attachments installed on all turbines, subject to the curtailment of certain turbines, and Crowned Ridge conducting post construction noise compliance testing in accordance with Condition 26 of the Permit. Condition 26 of the Permit requires the post construction noise compliance test protocol (Noise Test Protocol) to be approved by the Commission. On September 21, 2020, Crowned Ridge filed a 2020 Sound Level Measurement Program Protocol dated September 16, 2020, for sound testing to be completed post-LNTE installation.

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

On September 29, 2020, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the 2020 Sound Level Measurement Program Protocol dated September 16, 2020, as submitted by Crowned Ridge. After hearing oral presentations from the parties, the answers given to Commission questions, and having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket, the Commission, after public discussion, voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2020 Sound Level Measurement Program Protocol. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant's request for approval of the 2020 Sound Level Measurement Program Protocol dated September 16, 2020, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of October 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><i>Karen E. Cremer</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/03/20</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u><i>Gary Hanson</i></u>
GARY HANSON, Chairman
<u><i>Chris Nelson</i></u>
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
<u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner