

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)
TATANKA RIDGE WIND, LLC FOR A PERMIT)
OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN DEUEL)
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER APPROVING
ESCROW AGREEMENT**

EL19-026

On June 17, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit (Application) from Tatanka Ridge Wind, LLC (Tatanka or Applicant), a subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC. Tatanka proposes to construct a wind energy facility to be located in Deuel County, South Dakota, known as the Tatanka Ridge Wind Project (Project). The total installed capacity of the Project would be approximately 155 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity. A public input hearing was held on August 7, 2019. An evidentiary hearing was held on November 4, 2019. On November 27, 2019, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry (Permit).

Condition 32 of the Permit requires Applicant to file an escrow account plan with the Commission for Commission approval. On October 21, 2020, Applicant filed an Escrow Agreement between Applicant and U.S. Bank National Association.

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

On November 12, 2020, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the Escrow Agreement as filed. After Commission questioning discussing certain changes to the document, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Escrow Agreement conditioned upon filing an updated version that reflects the change in notice and includes reference to condition 39 (a) and (b) of the permit. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant's request for approval of the Escrow Agreement, as required in Condition 32 of the Final Order, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of November 2020.

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>Adam Detbeck</u>
Date: <u>11/16/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiogen
KRISTIE FIOGEN, Commissioner