

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
BY MERIDIAN WIND PROJECT, LLC FOR)
A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY)
AND A 345-KV TRANSMISSION FACILITY)
IN HYDE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF
MOTION HEARING

EL20-013

On April 23, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit (Application) from Meridian Wind Project, LLC (Meridian or Applicant), a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of ENGIE North America, Inc. Meridian proposes to construct a wind energy conversion facility and an 8.9-mile, 345-kV transmission line to be located in Hyde County, South Dakota (Projects).

On April 30, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 22, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

On June 10, 2020, the Commission held a telephonic public input meeting on the Application.

On July 9, 2020, the Commission granted party status to Nicolas Ferens.

On July 20, 2020, Commission staff filed a Motion to Compel Discovery seeking to compel discovery responses from Applicant.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 15-6, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing on the Motion to Compel will be held by the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m., CDT in Room 413 of the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July 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 or by mail. |
| By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u> |
| Date: <u>7/21/20</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner