

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY WILD)
SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A)
SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY IN PENNINGTON)
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
PARTY STATUS**

EL20-018

On May 15, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Facility Permit (Application) from Wild Springs Solar, LLC (Wild Springs or Applicant), a wholly owned subsidiary of Geronimo Energy, LLC. Wild Springs proposes to construct a solar energy facility to be located in Pennington County, South Dakota (Project). The Project would be situated within approximately 1,499 acres and located approximately ½ mile south of New Underwood, South Dakota. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 128 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity. The Project is expected to be completed in 2022. Applicant estimates the total cost of the Project to be \$190 million.

On May 21, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 14, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On July 14, 2020, the Commission received an application for party status from the Bundorf Family Trust.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22, specifically 20:10:22:40.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 23, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Wild Springs and commission staff did not object to granting party status to the Bundorf Family Trust. The Commission voted unanimously to grant party status to the Bundorf Family Trust. It is therefore

ORDERED, that party status is hereby granted to the Bundorf Family Trust.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of July 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 de Huelck</u>
Date: <u>7/28/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner