

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	ORDER ADOPTING
BY WILD SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC FOR A)	PROCEDURAL
PERMIT OF A SOLAR ENERGY)	SCHEDULE
FACILITY IN PENNINGTON COUNTY,)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	EL20-018
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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 for the Bundorf Family Trust and on July 28, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Party Status to the Bundorf Family Trust.

On July 28, 2020, Commission Staff filed a Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule and on August 3, 2020, Wild Springs Solar, LLC filed a Response to Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule supporting Commission Staff's Motion and proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 15-6, 49-41B, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2020, the Commission considered whether to grant Commission Staff's Motion to Adopt Procedural Schedule. Ms. Bundorf indicated agreement to Commission Staff's proposed procedural schedule. Finding that all parties are in agreement, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt Commission Staff's proposed procedural schedule with the requirement that prefiled written testimony is required for all witnesses who plan to testify at the evidentiary hearing.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the parties shall follow the procedural schedule as set forth below.

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| Applicant Supplemental Testimony Due | August 25, 2020 |
| Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due | October 16, 2020 |
| Rebuttal Testimony Due | November 13, 2020 |
| Final Discovery to All Parties | November 18, 2020 |

Responses to Final Discovery	December 4, 2020
Witness and Exhibit Lists Due	December 8, 2020
Exhibits Prefiled	December 10, 2020
Evidentiary Hearing	December 15-17, 2020
Post-Hearing Brief and Proposed Findings of Fact	January 8, 2021

It is further

ORDERED, that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:22.06 prefiled testimony is required for all witnesses who plan to testify at the evidentiary hearing. It is further

ORDERED, that responses to discovery are due ten business days after service of discovery except as provided in the procedural schedule above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August 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>Adam deHueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>8/6/20</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
 GARY HANSON, Chairperson

Chris Nelson
 CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner