BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE REGARDING CROWNED RIDGE WIND, LLC	)))))))	**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION: ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT STIPULATION** **EL20-002**

On July 26, 2019, in Docket EL19-003, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued, to Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC (Crowned Ridge), a Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry with Permit Conditions (Permit) for the Crowned Ridge Wind facility in Grant and Codington Counties. On January 13, 2020, Commission staff filed a Petition to Show Cause requesting the Commission to issue an Order to Show Cause requiring Crowned Ridge to come forward and show cause as to why it should not be found in violation of SDCL 49-41B-25.2 and Permit Condition 2 for failure to equip the Crowned Ridge Wind facility with an aircraft detection lighting system.

On January 16, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing on its weekly listserv. On March 23, 2020, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause. On March 27, 2020, the parties filed a Settlement Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD 20:10:01:19.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 14, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. After hearing oral presentations from the parties and having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket, the Commission, after public discussion, voted to grant the Joint Motion and approve the Settlement Stipulation and adopt the terms and conditions thereof. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation is hereby granted, and pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation, Crowned Ridge shall pay an initial sum of $170,000 into the permanent school fund within fourteen business days of the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of April 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.

By: Adam de Hueck

Date: April 17, 2020

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GARY HANSON, Chairman

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner