BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY CROWNED RIDGE ENERGY STORAGE I, LLC REGARDING ITS NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY CONCERSION FACILITY	**ORDER DESIGNATING AFFECTED AREA AND DESIGNATING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE** **EL25-034**

On October 15, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Notice of Intent to submit an application for a permit for an energy conversion facility from Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC (CRES). CRES proposes to construct, own and operate a 120-megawatt, 4-hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will be located on approximately 15.4 acres within the existing Crowned Ridge I Wind Energy Facility project area and connected to the existing Crowned Ridge Wind Collector Substation through an approximately 1,355-foot collection line. The proposed BESS will be located at the southeast intersection of 464th Avenue and 161st Street in Codington County, South Dakota.

On October 16, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 31, 2025, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene were filed. On October 28, 2025, PUC Staff filed a letter regarding designation of Affected Area and exhibits.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically SDCL 49-41B-5 and 49-41B-6, as well as ARSD 20:10:22:02. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-6, the Commission is required to designate the affected area relative to this filing and also designate a local review committee within thirty days after the filing of the notification of intent.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 6, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to designate the affected area as a five-mile radius from the proposed energy conversion facility. In accordance with SDCL 49-41B-6, the Commission voted unanimously to designate the local review committee which shall be compromised of the following individuals, ex officio:

(1) Affected South Dakota Counties (Chair of County Commissioners)	Codington Grant
(2) Affected SD Municipalities (Mayor)	South Shore
(3) Affected SD School Districts (President of Board of Education)	Waverly 14-5 Milbank 25-4
(4) A representative of CRES	

Any person on the committee who ceases to hold such office or appointment shall be replaced on the committee by its successor, who shall promptly notify the Commission of such succession. It is therefore

ORDERED, that for the purpose of this energy conversion facility, the affected area shall be a five-mile radius from the proposed energy conversion facility. It is further

ORDERED, that the local review committee shall be compromised of the above referenced individuals, serving ex officio, and that any person on the committee who ceases to hold such office or appointment shall be replaced on the committee by his or her successor, who shall promptly notify the Commission of such succession.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of November 2025.

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: _____

Date: 7 Nov 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GARY HANSON, Chairman

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner