

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF CROWNED RIDGE ENERGY)
STORAGE I, LLC FOR A PERMIT FOR AN)
ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY)**

**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF
MOTION HEARING ON LESS
THAN 10 DAYS' NOTICE**

EL26-014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMISSION WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THE JOINT MOTION FOR A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSION'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON AUGUST 11, 2026, AT 9:30 A.M., CT, AT THE COMMISSION'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING, AS ORDERED BELOW.

On May 14, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit from Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC (Applicant). Applicant propose to construct an energy conversion facility in Codington County, South Dakota, known as the battery energy storage system (Project). The Project as proposed consists of 120-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system (BESS) to store excess energy available on the grid. The Project includes a 120-MW, 4-hour duration BESS facility with associated inverters, transformers, medium voltage (mV) collection cables, and other ancillary facilities, such as fencing, roads, and a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. The Project will connect to the existing CRW Collector Substation via approximately 2,215-foot-long mV collection cables. The Project is expected to be in commercial operation in May 2028. Applicant estimates the total construction cost to be \$174 million.

On May 15, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Meeting; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status and electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 13, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 4, 2026, the Commission issued Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Consulting Contracts. On July 15, 2026, the Commission issued an order granting party status to Timothy Lindgren, Linda M. Lindgren, and Codington Clark Electric Cooperative. On July 29, 2026, the Commission issued an order granting party status to the South Dakota Rural Electric Association, Bob Welder, Bridget Johnson, and Paul Johnson and denying certain other applicants for party status. On July 29, 2026, Staff filed on behalf of Staff and Applicant a Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule (Joint Motion).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapters 1-26 and 49-41B. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:22.02, the Commission may order a hearing on less than ten days' notice if the Commission determines good cause exists. The Commission finds that because the Joint Motion requests a shortened discovery deadline and it is necessary to timely address the requested deadlines in order to allow this docket to proceed in accordance with the statutory deadline, good cause exists to hear this Motion on less than ten days' notice.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing on the Joint Motion for a Procedural schedule will be held in conjunction with the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on August 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., CT, Room 413 of the Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota. It is further

ORDERED, that Parties may file responses no later than 1:00 p.m., CT, on August 6, 2026. It is further

ORDERED, that responses must be served by the filing party on all parties in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure.¹

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of July 2026.

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: <u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u> Date: <u>30 July 2026</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

¹ This procedural requirement remains in place pursuant to SDCL chapter 15-6 going forward regardless of whether it is explicitly stated in an order.