

**Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC
700 Universe Blvd.
Juno Beach, FL 33408**



**RE: Notice of Filing and Public Meeting – In the Matter of the Application of
Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC for a Permit for an Energy
Conversion Facility, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Docket No.
EL26-014**

Dear 

On May 14, 2026, Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC (“the Applicant”), filed an application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a siting permit for an energy conversion facility to be located in Codington County, South Dakota. The permit application seeks permission to construct and operate a 120-megawatt, four-hour duration battery energy storage system to store excess energy available on the grid (“the Project”). The Project is proposed to be located within the existing Crowned Ridge Wind Energy Facility area and will connect to the existing Crowned Ridge Wind collector substation. The Project is proposed to be located in Section 11, Township 118 North, Range 51 West in Waverly Township, Codington County. A map showing the location of the project is attached. The Applicant is a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, which owns or operates approximately 31% of the nation’s installed wind energy capacity and which is a world leader in battery energy storage, with more than 3,000 megawatts of operational energy storage capacity.

The purpose of the Project is to store excess power from the grid when production exceeds system demand that can be injected into the grid at times of increased demand. The Project will enhance grid resilience during extreme weather events and other disruptions by providing immediate backup power, stabilizing grid operations, and integrating renewable energy. More detailed information on the project is included in the application filed with the Commission. The Project previously received a conditional use permit from the Codington County Commission in May 2024.

This letter provides notice to you as required by SDCL § 49-41B-5.2 that the application has been filed. You are receiving this notice as an owner of record of real property located within one-half mile of the proposed site where the project is to be constructed. The application and other documents in support of the application may be accessed on the Commission’s website at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2026 Electric Dockets, EL26-014. In addition, a copy of the application is on file in the Auditor’s office in Codington County and at the Commission’s office at the Capitol in Pierre.

As required by state law, the Commission has scheduled a public-input meeting at which the Applicant may present information on the project and anyone who attends the meeting may ask

questions and offer comment on the project. The meeting has been scheduled for July 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Waverly South Shore Gymnasium, 319 Mary Place, Waverly, South Dakota. You are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend or prefer not to speak in public, you may send written comments at any time to the Commission at puc@state.sd.us. The Commissioners read comments submitted to the docket.

After the public-input meeting, the Commission will hold further formal proceedings on the application. You have the right to seek party status as provided by the Commission's administrative rules. The Commission has set a deadline of July 13, 2026, to seek party status.

If you have questions or would like to speak with someone directly, please contact me at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]. We look forward to sharing information and answering questions about the project.

Sincerely,



Daulton Pearson
Lead Project Manager, Development
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC

On behalf of Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC