BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY WIND QUARRY OPERATIONS, LLC, FOR A WIND ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT FOR THE WILLOW CREEK WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES	)))))	**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR RELEASE OF ROAD BOND** **EL15-020**

On May 27, 2015, the Commission received an Application from Wind Quarry Operations, LLC for a Wind Energy Facility Permit to construct the Willow Creek Wind Energy Facility. On November 16, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Granting Permit to Construct Facilities. On November 21, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Approving Transfer of Permit and Acceptance of Turbine and Layout Changes to Willow Creek Wind Power LLC. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-38, an indemnity bond was required for construction of the project. On December 3, 2020, Willow Creek Wind Power LLC filed a Motion for Release of Road Bond, stating that construction is complete and road restoration work has been approved.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-38.

At its regular meeting on December 22, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Applicants' Motion for Release of Road Bond and authorize the executive director or general counsel to execute any necessary documents to release the road bond. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion for Release of Road Bond is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director or commission counsel are authorized to execute any necessary documents to release the road bond.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th of December 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 or by mail.

By: Adam Dethlefs

Date: 12/28/20

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner