

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION; ORDER
OF SWEETLAND WIND FARM, LLC FOR)	FOR AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY)	INPUT HEARING; NOTICE OF
AND A 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN)	OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY
HAND COUNTY)	FOR PARTY STATUS
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On March 6, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for Facility Permits (Application) from Sweetland Wind Farm, LLC (Sweetland or Applicant), a subsidiary of Scout Clean Energy. Sweetland proposes to construct a wind energy facility and a 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to be located in Hand County, South Dakota, known as the Sweetland Wind Farm (Project). The Project would be situated within an approximately 20,979-acre project area, located southeast of the City of Miller (Project Area). The Project Area is in Pearl, Hulbert, and Rose Hill Townships. The total installed capacity of the Project would not exceed 200 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity. The proposed Project includes up to 71 wind turbine generators, access roads to turbines and associated facilities, underground 34.5 kV electrical collector lines, underground fiber-optic cable, a 34.5-kV to 230-kV collection substation, up to four permanent meteorological towers, an approximately 7-mile long 230-kV gen-tie line connecting the Project, and an operations and maintenance facility. The Project would interconnect to Western Area Power Administration's existing Fort Thompson to Huron 230-kV transmission line in Rose Hill Township and be able to deliver 200 MW of electricity. The Project is expected to be completed in 2020. Applicant estimates the total construction cost to be \$240 million.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, **the Commission will hold a public input hearing on the Application on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., CDT, at the Miller Community Center, 526 N. Broadway Ave., Miller, South Dakota.**



The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear public comments regarding the Application and the Project. At the hearing, Sweetland will present a brief description of the Project, after which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Hand County Auditor pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5) and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's web site at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2019 Electric Dockets, EL19-012 or by contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, or by phone at (605) 773-3201 or (800) 332-1782.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission. Any person residing in the area of the Project; each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the Project is proposed to be sited; any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be sited; or any interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from