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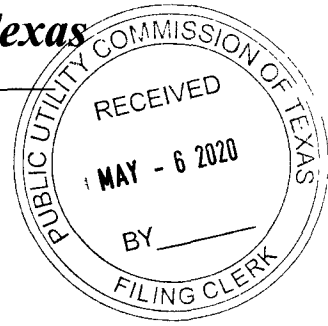


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# *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

## **Memorandum**



TO: Daniel Moore - Legal Division  
FROM: Grace Godines – Analyst, Customer Protection Division  
DATE: May 6, 2020  
RE: Project No. 50770 - *Application of Cranell Wind Farm, LLC for a Renewable Energy Credit Generator Certification*

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

On April 17, 2020, Cranell Wind Farm, LLC (Cranell Wind or the Company) filed an application to certify its Cranell Wind Farm, LLC Facility as a renewable energy credit (REC) generator under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.173(o). Cranell Wind is registered with the Commission as a power generation company under registration number 20540. Cranell Wind indicated that the metered generation eligible for RECs is 220 MW.

Under 16 TAC § 25.173(o)(1), a power generation company shall demonstrate that the facility meets the eligibility criteria as outlined in 16 TAC § 25.173(e), which states that in order for a renewable facility to produce RECs and compliance premiums in the trading program it must either be a new facility, a small producer, or a repowered facility. Cranell Wind meets this requirement because its Cranell Wind Farm, LLC Facility qualifies as a new facility. In its application, Cranell Wind also included the location, owner, technology, and rated capacity of the facility as required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o)(1).

After reviewing Cranell Wind's application, Staff finds that the Company has provided all of the information required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o) and that the Cranell Wind Farm, LLC Facility qualifies as a renewable resource under 16 TAC § 25.173(e). Therefore, Staff recommends that the Cranell Wind Farm, LLC Facility be certified as a REC generator. The approximate metered generation eligible for RECs is 220 MW. The Cranell Wind Farm, LLC Facility will not be eligible to produce RECs until an order is issued approving the application.

Any subsequent changes to the information in the application are to be submitted to the Commission as supplements to this filing within 30 days of such changes.

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<b>APPLICATION OF CRANELL WIND</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>FARM, LLC FOR A RENEWABLE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>ENERGY CREDIT GENERATOR</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Commission Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this recommendation. Staff recommends that the application be approved. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On April 17, 2020, Cranell Wind Farm, LLC (Cranell Wind) filed an application for renewable energy credit (REC) generator certification pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.173(o).

**II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff has reviewed the application, and as supported by the attached memorandum of Grace Godines of the Licensing and Compliance section of the Commission's Customer Protection Division, Staff concludes that Cranell Wind has provided all of the information required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o) and that Cranell Wind qualifies as a renewable energy resource under 16 TAC § 25.173(e). Therefore, Staff recommends that the application be approved, and that the Cranell Wind Farm Facility be certified as a REC generator.

**III. CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that Cranell Wind's application be approved and respectfully requests the issuance of an order consistent with the foregoing recommendation.

Dated: May 6, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
LEGAL DIVISION**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on May 6, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Daniel Moore  
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