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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

July 14, 2005

Ms. Michele Farris, Utility Analyst
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: East River Electric's 115 kV Upgrade Project in the Sioux Falls Area

Dear Ms. Farris:

Enclosed is a list of landowners and tenants that we have used for East River's mailings on Part 1 of this project.

East River Electric is beginning this work now, as weather allows, and will complete Part 1 in 2005.

If you have any questions about this mailing or other aspect of the project, please let me know.

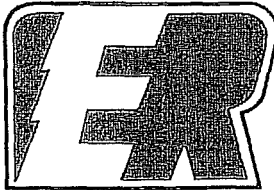
Sincerely,

Dan Wall, Manager
Transmission/Engineering Services

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July 13, 2005

Ellis & Eastern Company
PO Box 84140
Sioux Falls, SD 57118-4140

Dear Landowner:

East River Electric Power Cooperative is in the process of upgrading its existing electric transmission system on the east and south side of Sioux Falls from 69,000 volts to 115,000 volts. The upgrade is necessary for East River Electric to reliably serve the increasing electric demand of its member distribution cooperatives in the rapidly growing Sioux Falls area.

We are notifying you of this transmission upgrade project as our records indicate that you own the following property on which some of the transmission lines to be upgraded are located:

C & NW RR NE1/4, Sec. 31-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD
C & NW RR NW1/4, Sec. 33-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD

The enclosed pamphlet provides information on East River Electric and its Sioux Falls area 115 kV transmission upgrade project. The pamphlet includes a map that shows the location of the transmission lines and substations to be upgraded. Also enclosed is a copy of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Order approving East River Electric's application for the transmission upgrade project. The back page of the pamphlet provides names and contact information for people at East River Electric that you can contact with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have about the project as well as the contact information for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

The property you own is located in Part 1 of this project. East River Electric is beginning this work now, as weather allows and will complete Part 1 in 2005. The upgrade to the transmission line will include replacing the existing electric conductors with larger sized ones and replacement of the top conductor with a similar conductor containing a fiber optic wire. The wooden poles supporting the electric line will be replaced with new wooden poles designed to carry the added weight of the larger conductor size. Several switches located within the existing line will be replaced as well.



If you lease or rent this property to others, we need to provide them with this information as well. Please contact Dan Wall, Manager of Transmission/Engineering Services at 888-256-4536 and provide him with the names and addresses of any renters/lessors you may have.

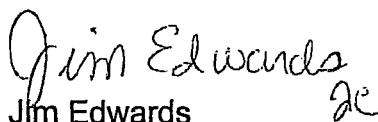
During construction, East River Electric personnel will work to minimize the impact to your property within the utility right of way. Any disturbance to the right of way as a result of this project will be corrected. Please contact Ron Golden, East River Electric's Land Agent at 888-256-4536 if you have any questions in this regard.

East River's electric facilities are designed and constructed according to national standards, however, safety precautions must still be observed and extra care should always be taken when working in the vicinity of an electric line. It is important that you are aware of all hazards and seek advice from an electric utility representative before attempting any of the following actions near an electric line:

- Installing buildings and/or equipment.
- Placing garbage, refuse or fallen timber under the line.
- Planting or cultivating trees or shrubs which when fully grown will grow to within 10 feet of the electric lines conductor.
- Excavating the ground within 15 feet of any transmission pole.
- Placing obstructions of any type within 15 feet of any transmission pole.
- Handling long/large items such as ladders.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this project, either now or during construction, please contact either Ron Golden or Dan Wall at 888-256-4536.

Sincerely,


Jim Edwards
Assistant General Manager
Operations

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Mailing List for Part 1 - 115 kV Sioux Falls Upgrade Project

| First Name | Last Name | Address | Land Description | Section, Township, Range, County, State |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | Ellis & Eastern Company | PO Box 84140 Sioux Falls, SD 57118-4140 | C & NW RR NE1/4, Sec. 31-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD | C & NW RR NW1/4, Sec. 33-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| | Xcel Energy % Manager Property Tax | 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55401-1993 | NE1/4 (EX R-1 & RY & Ex E936.25' NE1/4 NE1/4 & Ex H-1) | Sec. 31-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| | Brandon Bluffs, LLC | 5101 S Nevada Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57108 | Tract 1, Heartland Business Park Addition | Sec. 32-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| James | Ode | 503 Sheffield Drive Richardson, TX 75081-5611 | W1/2 NE1/4 (Ex N277' S344' E234' & Ex Heartland Business Park Addition) & E1/2 NW1/4 (Ex RY & Ex Lot R-1) | Sec. 32-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| | FFish LLC | 1008 Parkview Boulevard Brandon, SD 57005 | Lot 1, Block 2; Lot 3, Block 2 Heartland Business Park Addition | Sec. 32-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Burton | Ode | 1601 W Holly Boulevard Brandon, SD 57005 | N277' S344' E234' W1/2 NE1/4 | Sec. 32-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| | Risty Family Limited Partnership | 121 S Main Avenue Brandon, SD 57005 | E1/2 NE1/4 Lying S of RR, Sec. 32-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD | Pt NW1/4 Lying S of RR ROW & W1/2 NE1/4 lying S of RR ROW, Sec. 33-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Alice | Nielsen | 115 N Sioux Boulevard Brandon, SD 57005 | SE1/4 NE1/4 (Ex RY & Ex Nielsen Addition & Ex H-1 & H-2) | Sec. 33-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Jerald & Cynthia | Schwebach | 108 S 5 th Avenue Brandon, SD 57005 | Tract 2 Nielsen Addition SE1/4 NE1/4 | Sec. 33-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| | City of Brandon | PO Box 95 Brandon, SD 57005-0095 | Trs in SE1/4 SE1/4; 66' strip of RY Trs 1 & 2, Sec. 28-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD | W1/2 NE1/4 NE1/4, Sec. 33-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Edwin & Darlynn | Bartscher | 517 Crestview Circle Brandon, SD 57005 | Westview Estates Lot 12, Block 3, | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Patrick & Lisa | Bolter | 520 Crestview Circle Brandon, SD 57005 | Westview Estates Lot 11, Block 3, | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |

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| | Celebration United Methodist Church | PO Box 915 Brandon, SD 57005 | Tract 1 Tallgrass Addition | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Patricia | Loosbrock | 613 Tamarac Avenue Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 1, Block 5 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Thomas & Tiffany | Grode | 612 Tamarac Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 19, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Mark & Bonita | Meyer | 716 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 17, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Roy & Phyllis | Swanson | 720 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 16, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Gregory & Teresa | Koch | 800 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 15, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Ryan & Erika | Feterl | 804 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 14, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Steven & Teresa | Hansen | 808 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 13, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| | Ryan Thompson & Tandy Hieb | 812 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 12, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| David & Deborah | Johnston | 816 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 11, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Marc & Kelly | Eichelberg | 820 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 10 Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Scot & Karli | Pulse | 900 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 9, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| James & Kimberly | Raley | 904 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 8, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Nathan | Myers | 908 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 7, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Mark | Johnson | 912 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 6, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Anthony & Laurie | Kuck | 916 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 5, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Alan & Susan | Cavanaugh | 1000 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 4, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| William & Shirley | Amundson | 1004 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 3, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |
| Douglas | Severson | 1008 Magnolia Street Brandon, SD 57005 | Traubs Addition Lot 2, Block 2 | Sec. 34-T102N-R48W, Minnehaha County, SD |