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Waste Management Determination
Hazardous Waste/Solid Waste/Asbestos
It appears, based on the information provided, that this project will have little or no impact on the waste management in this area.
Approved By: Vonni Kallemeyn
Date: 12-7-07
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December 4, 2007

Mrs. Vonni Kallemeyn
Department of Environment & Natural Resources
Administrator – Waste Management Program
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: PS-20 115 kV Transmission Line and Substation

Dear Mrs. Kallemeyn:

Enclosed you will find maps and supportive information concerning the proposed PS-20 115 kV Transmission Line to be constructed by East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

East River Electric Power Cooperative is planning to construct a new 115 kV electric transmission line that will exit the existing Western Area Power Administration substation located in Section 18 (Township 122N, Range 60W) south of Groton, South Dakota, and will terminate at a new 115 to 4.16 kV substation in Section 17 (Township 121N, Range 59W). The new line will be approximately 13 miles in total length, and it's anticipated that construction will start in the fall of 2008 and be completed by the summer of 2009.

The line will be built above ground along the township and county roads. Some tree trimming or removal will need to be done to meet National Electrical Code. The typical structure used for this line will be a single wood pole with stand off insulators. The average height of the poles will be 65' and set into the ground 8.5'. The proposed project would require approximately 17 to 20 structures per mile.

The proposed PS-20 Transmission Line is required by our member, Northern Electric, to meet the demands of new electrical loads being added in this area with the TransCanada Keystone pipeline.

Wildlife in the area include, but are not limited to, deer, rabbit, coyote, badger, skunk, raccoon, mink, fox, gopher, and many species of birds.

I would appreciate receiving your environmental comments concerning wetlands and endangered species on the proposed project within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

If any additional information is required, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kurt Donelan

Kurt Donelan
Land Agent

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