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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Re.: High-Voltage Transmission Line**

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
High Voltage Transmission Line  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Sirs:

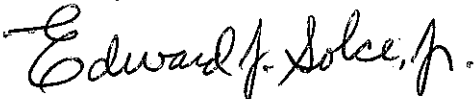
I read the news concerning the permit application filed by Otter Tail Corporation and Xcel Energy concerning the transmission line from Big Stone City to Brookings.

I am in favor of the transmission line. It is needed to provide adequate electric power for the citizens, businesses, schools, and public service entities in that eastern region of the state. It would provide a service to the people of the state that is necessary to enhance and positively contribute to the quality of life to so many in eastern South Dakota.

If the economy is to grow, if the region is to experience job growth, then affordable and reliable electric service is necessary. That reliable electric service will continue to be possible with the Big Stone City to Brookings transmission line.

Therefore, I urge the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to approve the permit concerning the transmission line. The transmission line will be beneficial to countless tens of thousands of South Dakotans in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Solce, Jr.