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September 3, 2014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: In Re Application of Black Hills Power for Permit To Construct
230KV Transmission Line, EL14-061

Dear Commissioner:

It has come to my attention that during the last public meeting in this matter certain PUC officials were considering a new route which would cross my property in Pennington County. It always seems as though people like Jim Steele who purchase property along section lines are always attempting to prevent the development of those statutory rights of way by pushing development onto other property where the time and expense of condemnations are required. In that regard, I do intend to vigorously contest such a determination and will insist upon just compensation for the taking and the resulting severance damages which would be considerable.

To the extent that the PUC is considering the new suggested route, which is located west of the current alternatives, I request Party Status in this case. The required application is enclosed.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Barton K. Banks

cc: Mr. Robert Varilek (w/o enclosures)