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Victoria Leonard 2020 Stanford Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105

RE: Teckla - Osage - Rapid City 230kV Transmission Line

Dear Ms. Leonard;

Black Hills Power received the comments that you submitted to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and is able to provide the following information in response to your inquiries. Black Hills Power is committed to establishing a route that has a minimal impact on people and the environment. Black Hills Power is currently considering three alternative routes for the area near Sunridge Road. The three routes are: the originally proposed route, modification 3g, and modification J. These three potential routes were established as a result of studies that were performed in the area, input from the Black Hills National Forest, and input from private landowners in the area. As of the date of this correspondence, Black Hills Power has not committed to a route and a final determination regarding the route will be based upon a variety of factors including overall impact upon land owners.

Black Hills Power did agree to provide results of all study work completed on your property and remains committed to providing this information. Ground surveys in the area of your property have not been completed because Black Hills Power is still in the process of evaluating routing alternatives. Once survey results are available, Black Hills Power will provide you a copy of those results. Visual simulations taken near your property have been obtained and are enclosed with this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Mark Carda

**Enclosures** 





