



March 10, 2025

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, AND MAINTAIN THE BIG STONE
SOUTH – BROOKINGS COUNTY – LAKEFIELD JUNCTION 765 kV
TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) (collectively, Utilities) respectfully submit this notice to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to SDCL § 49-32-20 that the Utilities intend to construct, own, and maintain the Big Stone South – Brookings County 765 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Additionally, Xcel Energy intends to construct, own and maintain the South Dakota portion of the Brookings County – Lakefield Junction 765 kV transmission line. These two 765 kV transmission lines, including underlying and associated facilities, comprise the overall Big Stone South – Brookings County – Lakefield Junction 765 kV transmission project, as further described below.

On December 12, 2024, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator Inc. (MISO), a federally registered planning authority and regional transmission organization, approved its Long-Range Transmission Planning (LRTP) Tranche 2.1 portfolio of projects as part of its 2024 Transmission Expansion Plan (MTEP24). MISO's LRTP Tranche 2.1 portfolio is made up of 24 projects, including LRTP Project No. 22, the Big Stone South – Brookings County – Lakefield Junction 765 kV transmission project, including underlying and associated facilities (Project). The Project is designated as a Multi-Value Project under MISO's Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff (Tariff).

The undersigned Utilities are incumbent electric transmission owners in the State of South Dakota, as defined in SDCL § 49-32-19. In accordance with the statute, the

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Utilities will file an application for a permit in accordance with SDCL Ch. 49-41B within 18 months of this notice.

Please contact Jody Londo at jody.l.londo@xcelenergy.com or Jason Weiers at jweiers@otpc.com if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bria Shea

BRIA SHEA
REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, REGULATORY POLICY
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

/s/ JoAnn Thompson

JOANN THOMPSON
VICE PRESIDENT, ASSET MANAGEMENT
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY