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Ms. Kara Semmler
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Docket No.: EL08-010 – Application for a Construction Permit to Build a 115 kV Overhead Electric Transmission Line to serve the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Pump Station #20

Dear Ms. Semmler:

At the May 12, 2008, public hearing in Groton regarding this matter, Mr. Alan Nierman expressed concerns about the proposed line route near his property.

East River met with Mr. Nierman and was able to find a mutually acceptable solution. As a result, East River has taken the following steps:

1. Private easements have been obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Alan Nierman for their land adjacent to 407th Avenue in the Southwest Corner of Section 17 and the West Side of Section 20, R60W, T122N, all in Brown County, South Dakota; and
2. Level III Cultural Resource Survey has been engaged to evaluate the line route on Mr. and Mrs. Nierman's land.

East River will provide the results from the survey as well as the response from the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Office when received.

This will change the line route slightly. The following is the amended description (with the route change noted in italics and bolded):

The proposed 13 mile 115 kV transmission line will originate at Western's Groton Substation (Exhibit 1) located in the SW¼, Section 18, T122N, R60W in Brown County. The line will be double circuited with an existing East River 69 kV line for approximately 0.75 of a mile running east to the point where the proposed 115 kV line turns south. The line would then be constructed as a single 115 kV circuit using a single wooden pole structure. ***From where the line turns south, it will run south along the east side of 407th Avenue for 1 mile in private***



Right of Way ("ROW"). The line will then turn east along the south ROW line of 140th Street for 1 mile in private ROW, then south along 408th Avenue approximately 1.25 miles in private ROW, then continuing south in public ROW for approximately 1.25 miles, then continuing south for 1.5 mile in private ROW, and then east along 144th Street for approximately 5.5 miles in private ROW. The line will then terminate at a new East River substation constructed adjacent to the pump station site.

East River requests that this letter be made part of the record in this proceeding and that the route description above be accepted as the amended route for the Application.

Thank you very much. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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