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## RE: Big Stone South to Ellendale 345kV Transmission Line Project Route Change Request Denial

Dear Randal, Bradley, and Diann:

Following the SDPUC hearing in Pierre, you met with our ROW team and discussed several potential route shifts. A summary of the proposed route shifts, which you initialed, is attached to this letter. The Project considered your request, met with you to listen to your concerns, and contacted landowners on the proposed alignments. At this time, the ROW Committee declines your proposed route shifts because new and previously contacted landowners oppose the suggested alternatives, and the proposed route shifts impact occupied structures, pass near two state parks, and cross several grassland and wetland easements when compared to the existing route.

Please note this does not preclude further discussion of other route options provided the route options meet the Project's routing criteria.

Sincerely.

