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Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 7:21:30 AM

Subject: Re: BHP Proposed Line, EL14-061

To: Gary Hanson, Chairperson of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and Mark Carda, Manager of Engineering, Black Hills Power and Light (sent by email for fastest delivery purposes).

I will attempt to send this to all parties.

I will NOT authorize BHP to use any portion of my land for the construction of the Teckla Osage power line. I will also not grant an easement to Black Hills Power and Light. I also do not authorize any tree removal on my property for the construction of this line.

The placement of the current "final route" poses a serious threat to the environment (all trees within 100 feet on both sides of the "center line" of the power line are to be removed, in some areas at least 125 feet). This would include most of the trees on my property, as part of the proposed "final route" is to be placed on Sunridge road (which is one of the borders of my property). Most of the trees on my property would be cut down, as well as trees in the National Forest. The Black Hills has already lost trees due to the insect infestation.

The final route also poses an even more serious threat to my (as well as other residents of the area) social and economic condition. This route crosses right over Sunridge road.

It also will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants, which includes the issue of electro and magnetic fields it will create for those living near the power line. I certainly don't want to be a test case determining if those fields directly cause childhood leukemia and Alzheimer's disease. There is also the issue of high winds causing those power lines to fall on the homes of residences.

There is no question that the powerline will substantially impair the development of the region. This area along Sunridge road is less than 10 miles out of Rapid City. It is easily accessible, yet the inhabitants are out of the city, away from the city noise and power lines, which it will no longer be should this project be allowed. This project will destroy the aesthetics of the area. This project destroys the very reason I purchased this property on which to retire.

Sincerely,

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