

From: PUC

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:44 AM

To: smgreber@itctel.com; aj@ajswanson.com

Subject: EL19-027

Mr. Greber,

Your email shared with several individuals including the three Public Utilities Commissioners regarding Crowned Ridge II, EL19-027, will be posted in the open docket.

Since you are an intervenor in this docket, represented by A.J. Swanson, it is not appropriate for you to communicate directly with one or more of the commissioners outside of a publicly noticed meeting or via the formal docket. Any party to the docket such as you via Swanson, must communicate about the project via Docket Filings, <https://puc.sd.gov/DocketFiling.aspx>.

Following is an excerpt from the Siting Guide posted on the commission's website home page as well as in the docket, <https://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2019/e119-027/sitinghandout.pdf>

***Communicate on record.** Verbal communication between a commissioner and a person with an interest in a matter before the commission that does not occur in a public forum or as part of the official record should be avoided. Those who communicate in writing with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket matter should understand that their comments will become part of the docket and are subject to review by all parties and the public. Likewise, comments made at a PUC public proceeding or submitted to the commission relative to a docket matter become part of the docket, open to review by all parties and the public. Because commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket must take place in an open forum, such as a public meeting, with notice given to all parties.*

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