From: PUC

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**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Comments on Docket #EL25-028

Mr. Monnier – Thank you for reaching out to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to share your thoughts about docket <u>EL25-028</u> - In the Matter of the Application by Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and Missouri River Energy Services for a Facility Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility and Associated Facilities Including an Electric Transmission Line in Deuel County, South Dakota, which was opened on Aug. 7, 2025.

You have expressed several concerns regarding the proposed project, including the potential sound produced by the energy facility, possible impacts on wildlife and bird populations in the area, effects on the culture and character of the surrounding communities, and questions about the intended use and destination of the power produced by the facility. These concerns are important and will be considered as part of the Commission's comprehensive review process.

This docket is currently under review by the Commission and PUC staff. We encourage you to stay engaged and follow the docket as additional information is submitted and posted by the involved parties.

For a better understanding of the Commission's review process, you may find Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities Siting Guide, available through the docket, to be a helpful resource.

Thank you for your interesting letter. Your comments and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses section of the online docket.

Sincerely,

Gary Hanson, Chairman Puc.sd.gov