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Subject: [EXT] Docket Number EL25-028 Power Plant, Deuel County, South Dakota

SD PUC,

We are opposed to the construction of EL25-028 Energy Conversion Facility and Associated Facilities including an Electric Transmission Line in Deuel County, South Dakota

We are the current stewards of a 100 acre remnant of native tallgrass prairie located due west of the proposed power plant location. The environmental disruptions from both the initial construction as well as the ongoing operation of the plant pose a real danger to this unique ecosystem.

Known as the "Quail Prairie", it has been dubbed "one of the finest remnants of tallgrass prairie in eastern South Dakota" by the South Dakota Natural Areas Registry. This prairie is home to over 100 native plant species, two found only in four other locations in the state, and one, the hooded ladies'-tresses is ONLY found on this parcel.

Locating the plant at this location will also negatively impact all of the insects, birds and game animals that live within and migrate through these tallgrasses. Cobb Creek, whose headwaters are in Quail Prairie, provides a freshwater natural habitat for these numerous species and eventually empties into the Minnesota River.

This place is not only special but incredibly rare. The ripple effect of disrupting its ecosystem will reach far beyond this prairie, county and state, and it will be irreversible.

We cannot relocate a remnant of tallgrass prairie, but the PUC has the ability to deny this project at this location.

Respectfully,

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