

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT HEARING

August 28, 2025

RE: In the Matter of the Application by Basin Electric Power Cooperative for Energy Facility Permits of a Wind Energy Facility and a 230-kV Transmission Facility in Haakon County, South Dakota

When: Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 5:30p.m. MDT

Where: American Legion, 709 W. Pine Street, Philip, South Dakota

Haakon County Landowner:

We are pleased to give you notice of an upcoming public input hearing convened by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding the proposed Basin Electric Project developed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric). You are receiving this notice because you are the owner of record for property within the affected area in Haakon County. Pursuant to state law, the Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input hearing to take comments from the public at the above-listed time and location.

The Project, located in Haakon County, will include a 0.95-mile long, single-circuit 230 kV Transmission line extension (Project) located in Sections 14 and 15 of Township 4 North, Range 20 East, in Haakon County, South Dakota. The Project is an extension between the new Philip North Switchyard, to be constructed by Western Area Power Administration, and a deadend transmission structure that will cut into the existing transmission line connected to the Philip Tap switching station. The Project will include construction of up to seven three-phase, single circuit transmission structures constructed on steel H-frame and monopole structures and will include up to four pulling and tensioning sites.

Basin Electric will give a short presentation designed to give context to the comments of the public regarding the Application.¹ The great bulk of the time will be reserved for accepting public comments on the Application. You can learn more about the Project by accessing a copy of the Application online at the Public Utilities Commission website (Docket EL25-030): <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2025/EL25-030.aspx>

If you have any questions about the Project, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

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¹ This public input meeting will be held in conjunction with the public input meeting for the corresponding wind energy facility and transmission facility application in Docket No. EL25-029.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE)
FOR ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT FOR A 230)
KV TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN HAAKON)
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION; ORDER)
FOR AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC)
INPUT MEETING; NOTICE OF)
OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR)
PARTY STATUS)

EL25-030

On August 15, 2025, the Commission received a facility permit application from Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric). Basin Electric proposes to construct a 0.95-mile long, single-circuit 230 kV Transmission line extension (Project) located in Sections 14 and 15 of Township 4 North, Range 20 East, in Haakon County, South Dakota. The Project is an extension between the new Philip North Switchyard, to be constructed by Western Area Power Administration, and a dead-end transmission structure that will cut into the existing transmission line connected to the Philip Tap switching station. The Project will include construction of up to seven three-phase, single circuit transmission structures constructed on steel H-frame and monopole structures and will include up to four pulling and tensioning sites. Basin Electric estimates the total construction cost of the proposed Project to be \$2.48 million.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, **the Commission will hold a public input meeting on the Application on Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. MDT – American Legion, 709 W. Pine St., Philip, SD 57567.** This public input meeting will be held in conjunction with the public input meeting for a corresponding application in Docket No. EL25-029.

The purpose of the public input meeting will be to hear public comments regarding the Application and the Project. At the meeting, Applicant will present a brief description of the Project, after which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the County Auditor in Haakon County and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the docket, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2025 Electric Dockets, EL25-030.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, the parties to this proceeding are currently Applicant and the Commission Staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available on the Commission's website. **Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CDT, October 14, 2025.** The Commission will also accept written comments from anyone other than parties to the proceeding, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail until the time of the decision. You only need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by providing testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct. You do not need to have party status in order to submit written comments. An individual with party status is required to submit information pursuant to a procedural schedule rather than submitting written comments.

Following the public input meeting, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider issues raised by any party or the Commission itself. At such a formal hearing, parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts.

For approval, Applicant must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether a permit to construct should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

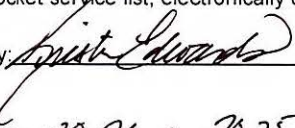
It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a public input meeting on the Application and Project on **Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. MDT – American Legion, 709 W. Pine St., Philip, SD 57567**. It is further

ORDERED, that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:22:40, **applications for party status should be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CDT, on October 14, 2025.**

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this meeting will be held in physically accessible locations. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at (605) 773-3201 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of August 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.	
By:	<u></u>
Date:	<u>20 Aug 2025</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


GARY HANSON, Chairman


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner