

**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 )**

**ORDER ASSESSING  
FILING FEE; ORDER  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO  
CONSULTING CONTRACTS**

**EL25-030**

On August 15, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application from Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric or Applicant). 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 4N, Range 20E, 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. SDCL 49-41B-12 provides for a filing fee to be assessed to cover the Commission's actual cost of investigating, reviewing, processing, and serving notice of the Application.

On August 20, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Meeting; and Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status. On August 21, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 14, 2025, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

SDCL 49-41B-12 provides for a filing fee to be assessed to cover the Commission's actual cost of investigating, reviewing, processing, and serving notice of the Application. The maximum fee chargeable, as calculated pursuant to statute, is \$6,200. However, according to said statute, the minimum total fee chargeable may not be less than \$20,000.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-12, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 26, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess Applicant a filing fee of the statutory minimum of \$20,000 for actual expenses incurred in processing this Application and to give the executive director authority to enter into consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant shall be assessed the minimum filing fee of \$20,000, to be deposited with the Commission pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-12. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director shall have the authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> 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: Juni L. First

Date: 08/28/2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner