

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
FOR ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT FOR A 230)	CONSOLIDATING DOCKETS
KV TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN HAAKON)	FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)	
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)	EL25-030
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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 20E, 4N, 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.

On August 20, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Meeting; 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 individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On October 2, 2025, the Commission held a public input meeting for the Project in Philip, South Dakota. To date, no individuals or entities have sought intervention in this matter. On November 25, 2025, commission staff and Applicant filed a Joint Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule; Joint Motion to Consolidate Evidentiary Hearings (Joint Motion).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 15-6, and 49-41B, specifically 15-6-42(a) and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Both Applicant and commission staff requested the Commission grant the Joint Motion. The Commission found, pursuant to SDCL 15-6-42(a), that no party would be prejudiced by consolidating Docket Nos. EL25-029 and EL25-030 for an evidentiary hearing and that consolidation was appropriate based upon the facts and the laws at issue. After hearing from the parties, the Commission found that the procedural schedule set forth in the Joint Motion timely addressed the matters in this case; however, the commission determined that the post hearing procedural schedule should remain flexible at this time. Based on the foregoing findings, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion, with the exception of the post-hearing procedural schedule¹ which will be established at a later time. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule; Joint Motion to Consolidate Evidentiary hearings is granted with the exception of the post-hearing procedural schedule. It is further

¹ This exclusion does not apply to the deadline for a decision, which is established by statute.

ORDERED, that the procedural schedule is established as follows:

Application & Applicant Direct Testimony.....	August 15, 2025
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due.....	February 4, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony Due.....	February 25, 2026
Final Discovery to All Parties.....	March 11, 2026
Final Responses to Discovery Due.....	March 25, 2026
Witness and Exhibit List Due/Exhibits Prefiled.....	April 1, 2026
Final Pre-hearing Conference.....	April 2, 2026
Evidentiary Hearing.....	April 8-10, 2026
Decision Due.....	August 14, 2026

It is further

ORDERED, that this docket shall be consolidated with EL25-029 pursuant to SDCL 15-6-42(a) for evidentiary hearing. It is further

ORDERED, that responses to discovery are due ten business days after service of discovery except as provided in the procedural schedule above. It is further

ORDERED, that prefiled testimony must be submitted for all witnesses as a prerequisite to providing testimony at the evidentiary hearing, with the exception of rebuttal witnesses responding to new issues raised at the evidentiary hearing. It is further

ORDERED that all exhibits be marked and filed prior to the evidentiary hearing.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December 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: *Daniel L. Everest*

Date: 12/04/2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner