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To: South Dakota Public utility Commission
From: Brian Bandt:
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Re: My affected parcel with proposed easement:
[redacted]. [redacted]
[redacted].

I attended the public meeting in Clear Lake last month. My directly affected parcel has a proposed easement directly through it and on my neighbor's quarter to the west. The 160 acre property includes a 69 acre native long grass fen my family has protected for more than a century. The grassland contains ecologically rare and endangered species and the entire quarter is connected in the preservation plans. The electrical expansion will make ecological preservation more difficult, such as materially complicating controlled burns.

Additionally, my plans for adding a modest retirement residence would be rendered impossible. I would finally add that eminent domain has long been a welcomed and voluntary part of the Grant and Deuel county community for generations. However, those standards have been for our communities local benefit, such as straight roads, schools, cell signal, etc. In contrast, these electrical benefits have not been shown to correspond to the immense cost to the community of this intrusion.

Respectfully,
Brian Bandt