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Elizabeth Olauson

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Dear Ms. Olauson:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received your comments regarding docket EL26-026 - In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company for an Energy Facility Permit to Construct the PowerOn Midwest Project Consisting of a 765-kV Transmission Line, a 345-kV Transmission Line, and Associated Facilities. The docket was opened on Sept. 4, 2026.

You may find the Interactive Route Map linked at the top of the docket page helpful.

For your reference, the enclosed Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities Siting Guide, available on our website and accessible through the online docket, provides a helpful overview of the permitting process.

Your comment and this response will be posted in the online docket.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson
Chairman