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Subject: [EXT] EL26-026 public comment — PowerOn Midwest capacity question

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission,

Please place this comment in docket EL26-026 regarding the PowerOn Midwest project.

The application describes approximately \$1.284 billion in South Dakota facilities in 2024 dollars. My question is practical: how much additional usable transmission capacity does South Dakota receive from those facilities, and what does that capacity allow the system to do that it cannot do today?

I recognize that a 765 kV regional transmission project does not reduce neatly to a single nameplate capacity number. I do not want to manufacture one where the record does not support it. But I do think the underlying capacity bargain should be understandable to the public.

If the most meaningful measure is not a single megawatt figure, then I hope the record can identify the appropriate measures clearly — for example, added transfer capability, congestion relief, reliability capability, deliverability, or other quantifiable system benefits attributable to the South Dakota facilities.

The public should be able to understand, in measurable terms, what additional capability is being purchased and what South Dakota receives in return.

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