

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 4:38 PM

To: 'Jim Sheehan' [REDACTED]

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

Mr. Sheehan:

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.

For your reference, the PUC's [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.

You may be interested in attending one of the PUC's public input meetings for the PowerOn application:

Tuesday, October 20, 2026; 6:00 p.m. CT – Brookings Inn, 2500 E. Sixth St.,
Brookings, South Dakota

Wednesday, October 21, 2026; 12:00 p.m. CT – Milbank School Theater, 1001 E.
Park Ave., Milbank, South Dakota

Thursday, October 22, 2026; 5:30 p.m. CT – Clear Lake Community Center, 218
Third Ave. S., Clear Lake, South Dakota

Answers to the questions you have posed will likely become part of the record as this permit application is processed over the next year.

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

Chris Nelson, Chairman

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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