From: Laurie Batchelor [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 4:44 PM
To: PUC <PUCPF@state.sd.us>
Subject: Re: [EXT] Transmission line

Good afternoon,
I am re-submitting my comments because I want to make sure what I said was clear. I did not want the last statement to be confused.. I am writing in in support of the GRANT COUNTY residents who are opposed to the 765 kV powerline. We live near the airport so although the line won't go directly over us, it will be in our skyline. We have lived in the country 21 years and built our home in this area because of the beautiful trees and countryside. We spent that time, planting trees, bushes and improving our 5 acres. Recreationally I bike on the gravel roads in this area mostly because I do not want to be on the busier highway 12. I've already seen some of the changes on one of my routes near like Albert due to another line that is running in that area. It It has taken away some of the beauty and trees along that gravel road.
I understand that we require energy, but I'm not sure about the size of this line and the actual need for this large of line. I was at the Milbank high school meeting to listen and am not convinced. I also listened to the online recording of the GRANT COUNTY commissioners meeting, and the doctor that was speaking for the power company.. ...my biggest concern is that the studies he presented seemed older, and I have to wonder about his motives as he is employed by them.
I think there's the quality of life issue in GRANT COUNTY right now. If we continue to add more and more power-lines and wind turbines who will want to move here. This is a deterrent for anyone moving into the area as well as the residents that are already here. As our kids are moving off to college, we are considering if this is really where we want to be.
Please take time to consider all of the concerns that were brought forward in the meetings from the farmers and the residents regarding land management and devaluation, health concerns for animals and people, quality of life concerns, and noise.
I also strongly urge you to consider a 2000 foot setback. I know this was brought forth in question as far as who decides this, but I am in favor of it..
Overwhelmingly at the meetings, I watched and attended the residence of GRANT COUNTY do not want this line.
Thank you for your time,
Laurie Batchelor
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Laurie Batchelor [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 3:53 PM

To: PUC <PUCPF@state.sd.us>
Subject: Re: [EXT] Transmission line

I did read my note and just wanted to make sure that that last line said this is something the residents do not want.
Thank you
Laurie Batchelor
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----
From: Laurie Batchelor [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 1:24 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Transmission line

Good afternoon,
I would like to send an email voicing my support for the residents of GRANT COUNTY that are opposed to the new 765 kV line that is being proposed. We live near the airport so it will not be directly over us, but it will definitely be in view. We have lived in the country for 21 years and built our home in this area because of the beautiful trees and countryside. We've spent the last 21 years, planting trees, bushes and making our 5 acre property even more beautiful.
Recreationally I use these gravel roads to bike for exercise because I am not a fan of biking on Highway 12. One of my routes is near Lake Albert and I I've already seen changes to this area because of the other large line that they put through there. I'm in agreement with the need for progress and energy, but I think that the commissioners need to take a look at the need for this large of a line. I've been to the high school meeting to listen, and I am not convinced this is actually needed. I listened online to what their medical doctor had to say, but wonder about any new research …as the research presented was fairly old. I also have to question his motives as he is hired by the electric company.
I think there is a quality of life issue at hand in GRANT COUNTY right now. If we just keep adding more powerlines and wind turbines who will want to live here.. this is deterrent for people wanting to move to the area.
If we move again as our kids have gotten older and are now in college, we will move out of this area.
Please take into consideration the many arguments that have been made in these meetings, concerns of the farmers, health concerns, quality of life, and also a 2000 foot setback. it sounds overwhelmingly like this is something the residents want.
Thank you for your time!
Laurie Batchelor

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