From: Lawrence Wipf
To: PUC-PUC
Subject: [EXT] EL26-026 Power On Midwest
Date: Friday, October 30, 2026 6:49:20 AM

Hi,
This is Lawrence Wipf. I email you some comments on EL26-026 .
Sorry, but forgot to provide info.

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From: Lawrence Wipf
To: PUC-PUC
Subject: [EXT] Letter of concern
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 8:30:13 PM

Hi, This is Lawrence Wipf with the Rolland Colony.
The previous email was a letter I sent to Excel Energy, Power On Midwest
After learning that they are purposing to build A 765 transmission line just east of you community.
This is the Big Stone to Brookings Transmission line

We are A Hutterite Colony Farming Community. Just west of Purposed 765 Transmission line and Very Large Substation.
They are purposing to run the line through our east property. They have been out here a few times to try and get us to sign there easement.
We, in good faith cannot sign off on something that is potentially so detrimental to our Livelihood and Operation.
We are very concerned for the safety of our Schools, Playgrounds, Church, Gardens, and many other things that are close by where our children spend lots of time.
We are very concerned about being able to expand or grow our operation in the future as needed in any operation.
Our only option to expand are operations would be on east properties, as we are facing water aquifers on everything west of us.
As we are already concerned about being to close to the powerline as it is right now with our existing barns and other operation we have.
We also have lots of neighbors and other Colonies that are very concerned, and very worried about this project.
We need to take this very seriously, because nobody really knows the affects it will have down the road. Safety, Health and overall harm to our livelihood.

Why is it here? Power is all going to the east in to Minnesota ?? Why do we have to take on that burden?
100-acre Substation ! That's a huge Substation!
Being purposed to be built on one of the most populated section lines in Brookings County.
A Substation that Large and Powerful should be nowhere near any residents.
I think we need to look for a more remote area.
We have a lot of upset and concerned people in our neighborhood. Thanks for listening.