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Dear Members of the South Dakota PUC,

I am writing to formally state my strong opposition to the proposed 765 kV transmission line being routed through our property.

For me, this is much more than a piece of land on a map. This is our home and the place where my husband and I have raised our two daughters. For more than sixty years, I have farmed this land alongside my husband. We have worked hard together to care for this farm and make it a place where our family can live, work, and build memories.

This has become very personal for me. We planned to leave this to our granddaughter who deals with many health concerns and have been reading these lines that are only suppose to feel like a light tickle (Xcel doctor says, he has never walked under them before). I do not think they should be trying to say there are no health concerns when their specialist is a sleep doctor. My husband and I have worked 18 hour days to get out crops before a storm, milked our cows in blizzards (those cows may not have produced offspring) if these lines had been in place. We need answers from Xcel instead of an encouraging word that they are safe. I do not believe everyone affected by these would be standing up and saying no across the country if they were safe. These companies need to show real proof, or stay off my land.

Our hope has always been that this land will remain in our family and someday be handed down to our daughters and, hopefully, to their families. We want them to have the opportunity to continue farming this land and enjoying the same sense of home and family that it has given us.

The proposed 765 kV transmission line would permanently change that vision. The large towers, easement, construction, access requirements, and ongoing maintenance would have a lasting impact on our property and the way we farm and live on it.

I understand that there may be a need for additional electrical infrastructure, but I do not believe that meeting regional needs should mean permanently sacrificing the land and future of families who have made their lives here.

This farm represents years of hard work, family memories, and our hopes for the future. It is not simply property that can be replaced or moved. Once these structures are placed across our land, the impact will remain for generations.

I respectfully ask the PUC Board and everyone involved in determining the route to listen to the landowners who will be directly affected and to consider the long-term consequences of placing this transmission line through family farms and homes.

I respectfully request that the proposed 765 kV transmission line not be routed through our property.

I ask that this letter be entered into the official record as my formal statement of opposition.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our family, our farm, and the future we hope to leave for our daughters and their families.

Respectfully,

Marlene Landman

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Elkton, SD 57026

Phone: _____

Date: 10-13-2026

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now we rent out all the land.
Some of the land has been in the family
for over 125 years.

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