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To: [REDACTED]
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Ms. Nosbush:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received your additional 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 Commission considers several factors when scheduling public input meetings for siting dockets. Due to statutory notice requirements and the publication deadlines of local newspapers, much of the meeting coordination by our staff must occur before an application is submitted. This means that details such as meeting dates, times, and locations have to be prepared in advance and are typically finalized on the day an application is filed. Timelines outlined in state law do not allow staff to wait until after an application is submitted to arrange these details.

We understand that selecting a date, time, and location for public meetings is challenging and that no single schedule will work for everyone. The venues chosen were selected because they can accommodate the requirements of these meetings on the specified dates.

If anyone is unable to attend an input meeting, they are welcome to submit comments in writing—by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail—up until the time a decision is made. Additionally, the presentation and audio recording from each meeting will be posted on the docket page in the days following the meetings.

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

Chris Nelson, Chairman
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