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Dear Ms. Olauson:

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 enclosed 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.

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

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson
Chairman