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Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chairman Wollschlager, Supervisor Loeschke and Supervisor Boe:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received your letter and Resolution No. 2026-01 regarding SDPUC 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. This application was filed with the SDPUC on Sept. 4, 2026.

Your comments and this response will be posted in the online docket where they can be reviewed by commissioners, staff, docket parties and the public.

You may be interested in attending one of the SDPUC's upcoming public input meetings for the PowerOn application:

- Tuesday, October 20, 2026; 6:00 p.m. CT – Brookings Inn, 2500 E. Sixth St., Brookings, South Dakota
- Wednesday, October 21, 2026; 12:00 p.m. CT – Milbank School Theater, 1001 E. Park Ave., Milbank, South Dakota
- Thursday, October 22, 2026; 5:30 p.m. CT – Clear Lake Community Center, 218 Third Ave. S., Clear Lake, South Dakota

For more information on how the Commission processes applications like this, you may find the enclosed Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities Siting Guide helpful.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson
Chairman