

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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))	ORDER CANCELLING HEARING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF NEW HEARING DATE ON REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:01:43 EL26-026
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On September 4, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application (Application) from Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power Company, (collectively, Applicants) for the PowerOn: Big Stone South to Brookings County to South Dakota/Minnesota Border Project (Project). The Project will consist of an approximately ninety-mile long 765 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located in Grant, Deuel and Brookings Counties in South Dakota and associated facilities including the Big Stone Station Expansion in Grant County, and the 345 kV Brookings County Substation expansion (consisting of an expansion of the current 345 kV Brookings County Substation and a new expansion area to enable the 765 kV connection approximately five miles away) in Brookings County. The Project also includes an approximately five-mile long 345 kV transmission line connecting the Brookings County 345 kV Substation Expansion to the Brookings County 765 kV Substation expansion.

The original parties to this docket, pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, are Applicant and Commission Staff (Staff). On October 2, 2026, the Commission received a request from Suzie Pratt for access to confidential information pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:43 (Request).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B. ARSD 20:10:01:43(2) provides that the Commission may issue a procedural schedule for the purposes of determining confidentiality when a request is made for access to confidential conformation.

On October 9, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing for this matter, providing notice that a hearing would be held on November 6, 2026. Due to scheduling changes, the Commission now provides notice that the hearing will be held on **November 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m. CT in Room 413 of the Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota.**

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant shall file a response to the Request no later than October 22, 2026. It is further

ORDERED, that Staff and any party directly interested in this matter may file their positions no later than October 29, 2026. It is further

ORDERED, that the Commission will consider this matter at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m. CT in Room 413 of the Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota. At its discretion, the Commission may consider this matter in conjunction with similar requests¹ made in other dockets noticed to be heard at this time.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of October 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Kristie Fiegen

Date: 19 Oct 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

¹ See Docket Nos. EL25-028 and EL26-028.