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 TRANMISSION LINE, A 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE, AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES	)))))))	**ORDER GRANTING PARTY STATUS TO MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC** **EL26-026**

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 for the PowerOn: Big Stone South to Brookings County to South Dakota/Minnesota Border Project.

On September 9, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Meeting; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status and electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 3, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On September 24, 2026, the Commission issued Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter in Consulting Contracts. On September 30, 2026, the Commission received an Application for Party Status from Matthew Holden on behalf of Lake Cochrane Improvement Association (LCIA). On October 14, 2026, PowerOn filed a Response objecting to LCIA's Application for Party Status. On October 26, 2026, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc (MISO) filed a Petition to Intervene. On October 19, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing to consider the Application for Party Status from LCIA and the Petition to Intervene by MISO at the November 4, 2026, Commission meeting. On October 26, 2026, Lake Cochrane Improvement Association filed a Response to Objections of Applicants.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, specifically 20:10:22:40.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 4, 2026, the Commission deferred consideration of the Application for Party Status of LCIA. The Commission considered MISO's Petition to Intervene and with no objection from the Applicant or Commission Staff, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Party Status to MISO. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Party Status is hereby granted to Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of November 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 Edwards

Date: 4 Nov 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner