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Public Utilities Commission's Notice of Energy Facility Siting Application

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission recently received an Application from Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy, as joint applicants, for a siting permit for an electric transmission facility, specifically a 756 kV and a 345 kV transmission line, as well as associated facilities, to be located in your area. The Project is described in greater detail in the attached Notice.

The Commission is hereby providing you with Notice of the Application pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(3). Enclosed please find the Commission's Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Meeting; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status. SDCL 49-41B-15(3) requires the Commission to serve this Notice upon the governing bodies of the counties and municipalities totally or partially within the area of the proposed facility. SDCL 9-3-1 establishes the criteria for designation as a municipality. As a courtesy, we are also copying municipalities in Minnesota within the ten-mile radius of the Project.

The Application and all other public documents filed with the Application can be accessed on the Commission's website at puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2026 Electric Dockets, EL26-026. The Commission has one year from the date of filing to issue an order in this matter unless a request is made by the Applicant and granted by the Commission.

Sincerely,

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