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My name is Matthew Holden. I own a home at 2768 Edgewater Drive in Gary South Dakota here in Deuel County.

I understand the latest entity to request intervenor status is Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) which functions like an air traffic controller for the power grid across 15 states and Manitoba.

MISO is very well established in North Dakota, Minnesota and states South and East from there. MISO has a very small presence in Northeast South Dakota and delivers very little power to customers in South Dakota in comparison to the other states it serves.

I fail to see how the MISO electric network benefits the residents of Deuel County. Our local electric cooperative H-D electric is connected to a different air traffic controller, the Southwest Power Pool and through the East River Electric Power Cooperative delivers wholesale electricity to H-D electric. The agreements between H-D electric, Southwest Power Pool and the East River Electric Power Cooperative appear to be working very well to supply the power needs of H-D electric customers in Deuel County.

It is my opinion this project should be built where it will best serve the customers of Otter Tail Power Company, Xcel Energy and its MISO affiliates... That place is the State of Minnesota.

MISO should consider changing their project plan and upgrade tranche 1, heading Northeast out of the Big Stone South Substation into Minnesota from 345 kV to 765 kV. My suspicion is this has already been thought of and been rejected by Minnesotans, so, now South Dakota becomes the patsy to quench neighboring states thirst for power.

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Power On Midwest's presentation shows great examples of how their proposed powerline will benefit Otter Tail, Xcel and MISO customers. It makes no mention of how it will benefit H-D electric, Southwest Power Pool and the East River Electric Power Cooperative customers. It certainly makes no reference to how it helps South Dakotans West of the James River. Most South Dakotans see no benefit from this project. That should be an important consideration to a statewide governing body such as yourselves.

Thank you for your time this evening.