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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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*This form is **only** for persons who wish to be an active party in this docket. You do NOT need to be a party to submit comments.*

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

APPLICATION FOR PARTY STATUS

EL26-026

Justin C Bauman, petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in this proceeding.
(Name of Applicant. This will be the person or entity named as a party.)

Place a check mark next to each item below that applies to you, adding a mileage number where requested.

☑ I am a person or organization that received official notification of the project via U.S. mail from the siting permit applicant.

☒ I reside within ½ miles of the proposed project.

Residential address if different from your mailing address:

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☒ rent ~~I own~~ land within ½ miles of the proposed project.

Legal description: SE Sec 24 T110 - R48W

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☐ I officially represent a municipal, city, township, county or other affected governmental agency within _____ miles of the proposed project.

☐ ~~I represent a utility company with facilities within~~ _____ ~~miles of the proposed project.~~

Explain your interest in applying for party status below.

This section is to be completed by the person requesting party status. **All fields are required.**

Justin C Bauman
Applicant's Printed/Typed Name

Signature of Applicant — 11-1-24 Date Signed

Double J Dairy
Name of Applicant's Organization (if Applicable)

48356 US Hwy 14
Applicant's Address (PO Box/St/Ave/Road)

Elkton, SD 57026
Applicant's Address (City, State, ZIP Code)

605-690-4500
Applicant's Phone Number or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's Phone Number

baumanj08@gmail.com
Applicant's E-mail Address* or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's E-mail Address*

~~The section below is to be completed by the Applicant's attorney, if represented. All fields are required.~~

~~Attorney's Printed/Typed Name~~

~~Signature of Attorney~~ ~~Date Signed~~

~~Attorney's Address (PO Box/St/Ave/Road)~~

~~Attorney's Address (City, State, ZIP Code)~~

~~*The Commission processes its dockets electronically for time and cost efficiencies. Communication on the docket will be done via email to parties to this docket. Failure to provide an email address may result in documents being served upon the county auditor rather than sent directly to the party, pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17.1.~~

Deadline:This application must be filed with the Public Utilities Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CT, Nov. 3, 2026, File this completed form electronically at puc.sd.gov/EFilingOptions.aspx

If your submitted form is incomplete, you risk not being granted party status.

For approval, party status applications must meet the requirements of SDCL 49-41B-17.

Docket Number: EL26-026 Last Name: Bauman First Name: Justin Company: Farmer Address: 48356 US HWY 14 City: Elkton State: SD Zip: 57026 Phone: 6056904500 Email: baumanj08@gmail.com Comments: I am asking for intervenor status because I have firsthand experience with the 345kV line that runs by our place. We cannot work on an electric fence without grounding the wire every few posts because of the static buildup. That one already produces enough stray voltage that when we had a specialist come check our dairy for stray voltage in our waterers and outlets, his equipment wouldn't work with the interference from this line. That does not make for productive farming. One twice that size would only make it worse. Our main source of income is our milk cows. They do not produce as much milk with that much static electricity. Farmers around us and away from the line have better production. Just the sheer noise from the line would be a dull roar anytime it's foggy or wet out. The 345 is loud enough that we can hear it easily in my yard. I request to be an intervenor because I know firsthand what power lines do to a farming operation.

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Justin Bauman
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