

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

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

Melissa Nelson

(Name of Applicant. This will be the person or entity named as a party.)

petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in this proceeding.

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

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

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

Melissa Nelson  
Applicant's Printed/Typed Name

*Melissa Nelson*  
Signature of Applicant

October 19, 2026  
Date Signed

☒ I reside within 1 miles of the proposed project.

Residential address if different from your mailing address:

Name of Applicant's Organization (if Applicable)

☒ I own land within 1-2 miles of the proposed project.

48282 160th St  
Applicant's Address (PO Box/St/Ave/Road)

Legal description: ~~SW 1/4~~ SW 1/4 Sec 32 T119N R47W

Reville, SD 57259  
Applicant's Address (City, State, ZIP Code)

NW 1/4 Sec 2 T118N R48W

605-880-0381  
Applicant's Phone Number or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's Phone Number

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

melissa.zemlicka09@gmail.com  
Applicant's E-mail Address\* or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's E-mail Address\*

☐ I represent a utility company with facilities within \_\_\_\_\_ miles of the proposed project.

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

Explain your interest in applying for party status below.

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.

I believe the applicant is deceptive on proving the safety of this project with biased testimony. I also believe this project will unduly interfere with the orderly development of our region and township.

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](http://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.