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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

Todd Lounsbery, 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 1.5 miles of the proposed project.

Residential address if different from your mailing address:

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☑ I own land within 1 miles of the proposed project.

Legal description: 26-118-48

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☒ I officially represent a municipal, city, township, county or other affected governmental agency within 1/2 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.

My concerns are:
1. The milligauss current side effects on humans are coming from engineers that work for the companies that benefit financially from the project. We need data from an engineer/expert that is neutral, not bias.
2. Damage from construction/compaction will be long term. I farm around wind towers that were built 7 years ago. The cropland still doesn't produce like it used to.
3. An annual payment should be made. Look at what farmland values have done over the last 20 years. A onetime payment doesn't compensate for future property vallues.
4. We had a 345kv line built in 2017 though our community. Now a proposed 745kv line to be built one mile west of the 345 is too much. We don't want it. Why should we sacrifice our health, property vallues and quality of life for the benefit of big metro areas hundreds of miles east of us? Minnesota wants the power, build it going straight east of Bigstone where they want it.
5. Power On says it's cheaper to build the line overhead than underground.
I would like to see the numbers to prove that statement.
Thank you

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

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

Todd Lounsbery
Applicant's Printed/Typed Name

Todd L 10-27-26
Signature of Applicant — Date Signed

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Name of Applicant's Organization (if Applicable)

48187 SD Hwy 20
Applicant's Address (PO Box/St/Ave/Road)

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

605-880-7625
Applicant's Phone Number or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's Phone Number

toddlounsbery@netscape.net
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

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Signature of Attorney — Date Signed

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

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

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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.