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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

ValGene Johnson, 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 _____ miles of the proposed project.

Residential address if different from your mailing address:

_____

☑ I own land within 0 miles of the proposed project.

Legal description: Deuel County section 28

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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.

765 power line will run through our property, 7\8 of a mile. We are concerned about health issues, fencing and construction work, GPS farming, aerial spraying and virtual fencing.
765 power line will drastically decease the value of our property.
See attached

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.**

ValGene Johnson
Applicant's Printed/Typed Name

ValGene Johnson 11/3/26
Signature of Applicant Date Signed

Name of Applicant's Organization (if Applicable)

3719 246th St
Applicant's Address (PO Box/St/Ave/Road)

Montevideo, MN
Applicant's Address (City, State, ZIP Code)

320-226-4853
Applicant's Phone Number or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's Phone Number

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.

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.

October 27, 2026

ValGene and Charlotte Johnson
3719 246th Street
Montevideo, MN 56265
vjohnson@farmerstel.net
320-226-4853
Parcel: DUL-4880
PID: 1970

To Whom it may concern:

Listed below are the reasons we are opposed to the 765 power line running through our property in Deuel County, Glenwood township, section 28.

We are not convinced that studies of 765 lines have been thorough enough to rule out adverse effects on livestock and people. This would be reckless to proceed with a line of this size. Concern for fencing and construction work under the 765 would be troublesome and uncomfortable. Virtual fencing and GPS farming equipment would also be very concerning.

We aerial spray because the pasture topography is to rough for ground spraying. Spraying is very necessary for weed control or our pasture would be taken over by leafy spurge and other weeds.

Compensation offered for damages would need to be an annual payment as inflation and change in economy occurs. Compensation that has been offered is bare minimum. Value of land will decrease drastically.

This 765 power line would totally ruin the aesthetics of our property.

Sincerely,

Val Gene Johnson

Val Gene Johnson

Charlotte Johnson

Charlotte Johnson