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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

Wilfried Renvehamp, 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.

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

[x] I reside within 2 miles of the proposed project.

Residential address if different from your mailing address:

_____

[x] I own land within _____ miles of the proposed project.

Legal description: SW 1/4 S 20 owned T-110-11-N
SE 1/4 S 17
SE 1/4 S 17
S 29, 30 31 rented R47W
NW 1/4 32

[ ] 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.

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.**

Wilfried Renvehamp
Applicant's Printed/Typed Name

[signature] 10-26-26
Signature of Applicant — Date Signed

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Name of Applicant's Organization (if Applicable)

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

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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.

My name is Wilfried Reuvekamp, have been in agriculture/dairy farming my whole life. I would like to an intervener in the PUC Docket EL 26-026- Poweron Midwest Project.

I have dedicated much of life to raising cattle, producing food, and building a successful agricultural operation. Today, our family operation is 1,800 milk cows and 1,000 heifers and 1,900 acres of crops. Our production is vital to because of the demand of local companies that supply milk to consumers and for the cheese production growth in South Dakota. I do not take my job lightly because of people we feed and the animals we care for. I would like to be an intervener because of my direct effects from these lines. My home is at the dairy and it is within 2 miles of the newest suggested map but I farm the land where the line will be going through. I request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission make the following requirements mandatory conditions of approval for the proposed 765-kV transmission project.

1. Mandatory Two-Mile Baseline Documentation

Before any clearing, excavation, construction, or installation begins, every property within two miles on BOTH sides of the proposed transmission line must receive a complete, independent baseline inspection and written report.

2. Independent Testing

The baseline inspections must document:

- Existing stray voltage and electrical grounding conditions.
- Electrical currents in water systems and metal piping.
- Livestock health and dairy operation conditions. Cattle water consumption always goes down near these lines, even smaller lines. The lick first to check for safety and then decide if they are willing to drink. It can also be water coming from outside lines it does not need to come only from the tank itself.
- Cattle sensors, electronic monitoring systems, and computers. We use these sensors to monitor our cattle and we have issues with the smaller lines; I can only image what these new lines with due to our electronic.
- Cell phone reception and communication systems.
- Environmental conditions and wildlife populations. I am confident these lines are going to change our bird migration and small animals.
- Eagle nesting locations and documented nesting activity. I have a pair of eagles that have resided on my land for the past 7 years and they have 2 living off-spring each year. I do not want their habitat destroyed or them harmed in any way. I have heard Xcel removes trees along the line to prevent damage to the lines, I want assurance these EAGLES will not be disturbed.
- Existing property, soil, drainage, and agricultural conditions.

3. Landowner Participation and Access

Every affected landowner must receive a copy of their property's baseline report. Landowners must be allowed to participate in inspections and identify concerns specific to their operations. I feel this is vital for the protection of the farmers and our surrounding community.

4. Mandatory Follow-Up Testing

The same independent testing must be repeated after construction and periodically during operation. Additional testing must be available whenever a landowner reports a suspected problem. These should be done by an independent company, at the cost of Xcel.

5. Financial Responsibility

The transmission company must pay for all baseline inspections, follow-up testing, and independent investigations. The company must be held financially responsible for damages determined to result from its project, including damage to livestock, agricultural equipment, electronic systems, water systems, property, and agricultural operations.

6. No Construction Until Requirements Are Met

No construction should be permitted until the baseline inspections are completed, reports are delivered to affected landowners, and the Commission has approved the inspection and testing procedures.

7. Underground Alternatives

The Commission must require a thorough evaluation of underground installation as an alternative to overhead 765-kV lines, with particular attention to protecting agricultural operations, livestock, wildlife, and rural property owners.

My Final Position

We should not have to wait until something goes wrong to establish what was there before construction.

A transmission company should not be allowed to introduce infrastructure of this magnitude into an agricultural community without first documenting existing conditions and accepting responsibility for the consequences.

Our safety, our livestock, our water, our property, and our ability to farm must come before construction schedules and corporate convenience.

This is our land, our livelihood, and our future. We deserve enforceable protections, not promises.

I ask the Commission to make these requirements binding conditions of any project approval.

One important distinction: the PUC would need to adopt and enforce these protections; a landowner cannot receive an absolute guarantee that no harm will occur. But requiring independent baseline documentation, follow-up testing, and enforceable financial responsibility is a strong position.

I would make this a separate section in the intervenor filing so the Commission cannot overlook the safety requirements.

Wilfried Reuvekamp

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