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Sent: Monday, October 5, 2026 1:38 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] EL26-028

Regarding BSS-H-B 345 KV transmission line.

I'm writing today to respectfully ask you to DENY Ottertail's request for an extension of another year to continue their paperwork on this project whose cultural surveys have not been done.

In late February 2026, we received a folder in the mail informing us of the project. This was followed by a phone call a few days later. During this phone conversation, I told the agent from the company that we--myself, my brother's, cousins, and our families-- did not want this project to cross through our land. We are organic dairy farmers and hope to pass our farms on to the next generation soon. This proposed project would be detrimental to us as humans as well as cause harmful effects on our livestock. We have already suffered from stray voltage from the existing power lines.

Otter Tail has refused to listen to our opposition to the said project. Instead, they have continued to harass us with more letters, postcards, and other incidents of unwanted trespass.

Please do your part in bringing this to a stop.

Please DENY their request for a one-year extension.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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