

From: PUC
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2026 4:28 PM
To: 'Helaine Fonder' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXT] EL26-028

Mr. Fonder:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received your comments related to docket [EL26-028](#) - In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for a Facility Permit for the Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

The Commission will consider the Applicant's [motion to extend the deadline for issuing a decision on the application](#) at its [regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6](#), beginning at 9:30 a.m. CDT. You can listen to the meeting online by clicking the "LIVE" link on the PUC's website, puc.sd.gov.

Please note that the Commission will only be considering the applicant's request to extend the decision deadline. The Commission will not be determining whether to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the application at the meeting on Oct. 6.

For your reference, the PUC's [Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities Siting Guide](#), available on our website and accessible through the online docket, provides a helpful overview of the permitting process.

Your comments and this response will be posted in the online docket where they can be reviewed by commissioners, staff, docket parties and the public.

Chris Nelson, Chairman
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission