

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**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**

**) NOTICE OF HEARING ON
) REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO
) CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
) PURSUANT TO ARSD**

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EL26-028

On September 8, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Otter Tail Power Company (Applicant) for a Transmission Facility Permit for an electric transmission line in Grant and Roberts Counties, South Dakota. Specifically, Applicant proposes to construct a new 345kV electric transmission line (the Project). The South Dakota portion of the Project consists of approximately 71 miles of 345 kV transmission line that runs from the existing Big Stone South Substation located west of Big Stone City, South Dakota, to the South Dakota – North Dakota border at a location northeast of New Effington, South Dakota.

The original parties to this docket, pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, are Applicant and Commission Staff (Staff). On October 2, 2026, the Commission received a request from Suzie Pratt for access to confidential information pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:43 (Request).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B. ARSD 20:10:01:43(2) provides that the Commission may issue a procedural schedule for the purposes of determining confidentiality when a request is made for access to confidential information. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant shall file a response to the Request no later than October 22, 2026. It is further

ORDERED, that Staff and any party directly interested in this matter may file their positions no later than October 29, 2026. It is further

ORDERED, that the Commission will consider this matter at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 6, 2026, 9:30 a.m. CT at the Matthew Training Center located in the Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota. At its discretion, the Commission may consider this matter in conjunction with similar requests made in other dockets noticed to be heard at this time.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of October 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: *Dennis J. Fierstein*

Date: 10/09/2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner