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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

*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 Otter Tail Power Company for a Facility Permit for the Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison 345 kV Transmission Line Project

APPLICATION FOR PARTY STATUS

EL26-028

Rob & Judy Vassallo & JR Holdings, LLC, 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 1.5 miles of the proposed project.

Residential address if different from your mailing address:

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☑ I own land within 1.5 miles of the proposed project.

Legal description: see attached

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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.

See attached.

Deadline:This application must be filed with the Public Utilities Commission on or before **5:00 p.m. CT, Nov. 9, 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.**

JR Holdings, LLC, Rob &/or Judy Vassallo, member
Applicant's Printed/Typed Name

Rob Vassallo, Judy Vassallo 11/9/26
Signature of Applicant Date Signed

JR Holdings, LLC
Name of Applicant's Organization (if Applicable)

13128 Casey Road
Applicant's Address (PO Box/St/Ave/Road)

Wilmot, SD 57279
Applicant's Address (City, State, ZIP Code)

612-868-2922
Applicant's Phone Number or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's Phone Number

Rob@cbsmn.com
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)

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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.

11/9/26

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SOUTH DAKOTA

RE: Docket EL26-028: Ottertail Power Company, Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison 345kV Transmission line

Application for Party Status of Members: Robert J and Judith J Vassallo of JR Holdings, LLC. Addendum to application and statement of interest and reasons (SDCL 49-41B-17(4)).

Legal description of land owned and residing at:

Lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 6A, CASEY ADDITION, in Government Lot 2, Section 12, Township 123 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Roberts County South Dakota

Explanation of my interest in applying for party status below:

1) We frequently enjoy the landscape of the area and use of wildlife habitat near Bullhead Lake where the power line is proposed. This is a concern and will change the living experience of watching wildlife and enjoying the landscape. Also, I feel it is a detriment to wildlife in general. There are eagles living near us and in our area with a nest not far from these proposed lines which can cause electrocution hazards for these birds, along with migratory waterfowl which live in the area.
    a. The southern segment of this project runs through a region which is vital for migratory waterfowl. These high voltage lines may endanger pelicans, cormorants, swans, ducks, and geese especially during foggy weathers.
    b. The building of these can disrupt soil compaction and disrupt the fragile wetlands crucial for waterfowl nesting and reproduction.
2) The building of these lines will also affect the wildlife and ecosystem. Opening the ground to more invasive plants such as the Canadian Thistle for one while at the same time destroying the native plants.
3) We are trying to sell off our lake lots. These powerlines will affect our property values which in turn will affect our county with less funds or the alternative, taxing us higher rates when our values go down.

I ask that the Commission grant me party status.

Sincerely,

Judith J Vassallo

Judith J Vassallo, Member; JR Holdings, LLC

Robert J Vassallo, Member

Robert J Vassallo, Member