Print or Type **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION** *Print Form*

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

Mark L. Karst, 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 miles of the proposed project.

Residential address if different from your mailing address:

_____

☑ I own land within 1 miles of the proposed project.

Legal description: SE4SE4:LOTS 11&12

Record #3681

☑ I officially represent a municipal, city, township, county or other affected governmental agency within 1 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.

AFFECTS FARM LAND

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.**

Mark L Karst
Applicant's Printed/Typed Name

Mark L Karst 10-28-26
Signature of Applicant — Date Signed

Name of Applicant's Organization (if Applicable)

46662 Medbery Rd.
Applicant's Address (PO Box/St/Ave/Road)

Becker Township, SD 56219
Applicant's Address (City, State, ZIP Code)

605-237-5034
Applicant's Phone Number or, if represented, Applicant's Attorney's Phone Number

mlk@prtel.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.