BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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	AMENDED APPLICATION FOR PARTY STATUS **EL26-028**

LOUIS & AMANDA NIGG, married persons and residing at 46356 125th St., Sisseton, SD 57262 ("Applicants") hereby apply to the Public Utilities Commission for party status in this matter (the "Project"). LOUIS NIGG received official notice of the Project via U.S. Mail from the siting permit applicant. This Amended Application replaces Applicants' Application for Party Status filed October 27, 2026. The only change is in the third paragraph.

Applicants reside at the address stated below, within the South Half (S1/2) of Section 28-Township 125 North-Range 50 West of the 5th P.M.-Easter Township, Roberts County, South Dakota. Applicants' home is within one (1) mile of the proposed Project's route. Applicants also own and operate agricultural lands within one (1) mile or less of the proposed route; this includes parcels within Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34 of Easter Township, Roberts County, plus additional lands held by long-term leases.

Applicants farm cropland, hay ground and pasture in the sections identified, with a stock pond in Section 33, near the proposed route, and a grain site in Section 27 where they work daily. Applicants use aerial and drone application of crop inputs, and their farm equipment uses GPS guidance. Applicants' drone applicator has had a drone lose power and fall while operating above a power line, and has had a drone lose communication with its remote near a high-voltage line; he keeps his distance from such lines and must relocate his equipment to complete fields near them. The Project's imposing presence near or over Applicants' farming operations is a clear detriment, hindrance and danger to Applicants' use of their own lands.

Applicants further state and allege: the Project's route, as presently understood by Louis and Amanda Nigg, is either proposed to pass upon and through the lands owned or leased by them, or by means of a route immediately adjacent to Applicants' lands. There is presently *no* known easement to accommodate this intended land use by Otter Tail Power Company, and these Applicants are *not* inclined to volitionally provide any such easement or privilege.

Applicants submit they are entitled to party status in this matter and that they be afforded all rights of a contested case hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
Applicants for Party Status:

Date: October 28th, 2026

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Certificate of Service:

Undersigned, as an *Applicant for Party Status*, certifies on the date below entered a true and correct copy of the foregoing Amended Application for Party Status was served by electronic mail on each of the following known parties of interest in Docket EL26-028, namely:

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