

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	JOINT MOTION FOR
BY BASIN ELECTRIC POWER)	ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL
COOPERATIVE FOR ENERGY)	SCHEDULE; JOINT MOTION TO
FACILITY PERMIT FOR A 230 KV)	CONSOLIDATE EVIDENTIARY
TRANSMISSION FACILITY IN HAAKON)	HEARINGS
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)	
)	EL25-030

Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin), together the “Parties,” hereby file this Joint Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule and Joint Motion to Consolidate Evidentiary Hearings.

This docket was opened on August 15, 2025, with the filing by Basin for a permit of a 230 kV transmission line. The parties in this docket are Staff and Basin.

Under SDCL 49-41B-24, the Commission must issue a decision on this matter within twelve months of the filing. Given the time constraints in this docket, Staff requests the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:

ACTION	DATE
Application & Applicant Direct Testimony Filed	August 15, 2025
Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due	February 4, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony Due	February 25, 2026
Final Discovery to All Parties	March 11, 2026
Final Responses to Discovery Due	March 25, 2026

Witness and Exhibit List Due and Exhibits Prefiled	April 1, 2026
Final Prehearing Conference	April 2, 2026
Evidentiary Hearing	April 8-10, 2026
Post-Hearing Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact	May 1, 2026
Commission Meeting for Decision	May 8, 2026
Decision Due	August 14, 2026

In addition, Staff requests the Commission order that all responses to discovery requests are due 10 business days after service, unless otherwise agreed to, in writing, by the inquiring and responding parties.

Further, to promote administrative efficiency the Staff and Basin request the Commission consolidate the evidentiary hearings pursuant to SDCL 15-6-42(a) for Dockets EL25-029 and EL25-030. This request is made given the filings involve common questions of fact. The Parties agree that these Dockets have slightly different timelines, but given the projects are associated, within the same locations, are likely to pose similar questions at hearing and rely on similar facts, and have common counsel, a joint hearing will likely promote efficiencies for the Commission and for all Parties. However, the Parties do request separate decisions and Orders be issued in the Dockets.

WHEREFORE, Staff and Basin respectfully request the Commission issue an order adopting the above proposed procedural schedule and establishing a ten-business day deadline for responses to discovery requests and consolidating the evidentiary hearings for EL25-029 and EL25-030.

Dated this 24th day of November 2025.

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