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To: Gary Hanson, Chairperson of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

To: Mark Carda, Manager of Engineering, Black Hills Power

The proposed "final route" of the Teckla to Osage transmission line cuts across and borders property that I have a deeded interest in. The property is owned by Jim and Charlette Steele and my wife and me. We have been in the process of getting approval from city planning (property is within 3 miles of city limits) for re-platting and developing our property. This property was purchased over twenty years ago with plans for development and profitable sales at a future date. Thousands of dollars have been invested in tree thinning and granting land for road use.

Now Black Hills Power is planning to slam their 230 Kv transmission line and industrial corridor through our little bit of serenity. The five or six lots we are planning to develop will lose over half of its market value and make it extremely difficult to sell if that is allowed to happen. If BHP Transmission lines cross Sun Ridge Rd at the edge of our property and then run the entire length of the east edge of our property, our small development will be 230Kv "toast." We have been in negotiation with serious buyers while awaiting platting approval. Buyers who are looking for peaceful, quiet, home site serenity within two miles of the city limits are not looking for 230Kv transmission lines welcoming them to "Reddy Kilowatt" Acres!!

My wife and I have a 25% deeded interest in the aprox. 76.6 acres owned by James and Charlette Steele. **I do not and will not** agree to grant an easement to BHP to cross any property or build on any property that I have ownership in.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Sweet
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