

July 13, 2016

Daniel Barton  
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Ellendale, ND 58436

**Re: Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV Transmission Line Project (BSSE)  
Van Meter Township - Conditional Use Permit**

Thank you for working with us on the BSSE project's request for consideration of the Conditional Use Permit. We value the Township's time and efforts thus far, and appreciate your patience with us.

The members of Van Meter Township Board of Commissioners, of Dickey County, North Dakota, granted a Conditional Use Permit to the BSSE project on March 10, 2015. The Conditional Use Permit, a copy of which is enclosed, covers all construction activities proposed for these properties along the approved route through the township. Construction activities include installation of concrete foundations, erection of steel transmission structures approximately 140-feet-high, placed on top of the concrete foundations, and stringing conductors between structures. Should the Project require road access approaches, they will be acquired via a separate process.

During our phone conversation on May 17, 2016, we discussed the April 2016 expiration of the Project's Conditional Use Permit. At that time, it was stated that based the Project's construction activity to date (i.e., tree clearing), there was no need to go through the permit process again, and the existing permit would be extended through the duration of the Project. The Project Owners and KLJ would like to thank you again for this permit extension.

The Project Owners are requesting written acknowledgment from Van Meter Township that the Project is granted a permit extension to proceed with installation of the transmission line system through Van Meter Township. If the Township is agreeable to the request, we would appreciate the signing of the acknowledgement below and returning it via the return envelope provided, so it may be kept with project records.

**Acknowledgment**

We the undersigned representatives of Van Meter Township, Dickey County, North Dakota, do hereby agree that the previously granted Conditional Use Permit is extended through the duration of construction, operation and maintenance of the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345kV Transmission Line Project (BSSE).

Daniel Barton 7-24-16  
Daniel Barton (Township Supervisor) Date:

Leland Gayman 7-24-16  
Leland Gayman (Township Supervisor) Date:

T. Hokana  
Trevor Hokana (Township Supervisor) Date:

Jerry Bonte 7.24.16  
Witnessed by: Date:

Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Kevin M. Cummings  
KLJ Right of Way  
On behalf of the BSSE Project Team