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Senate Bill 2264 Testimony in Opposition

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator Patten, Chair

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Chairman Patten, members of the committee, I am Carlee McLeod, president of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota, here on behalf of USND utility members, including Montana-Dakota Utilities, Otter Tail Power, and Xcel Energy. We ask you to oppose SB 2264.

This bill imposes landowner notice requirements at various stages of the siting process. The language requiring notice to any landowner within a corridor is too broad. Often, a corridor is considered for a project, and as the project develops, that corridor is narrowed to a route. This language would require giving notice to landowners who would not be impacted by the project being sited. A more narrow application would be more appropriate. The PSC already publishes notice pursuant to century code requirements. Requiring an applicant to send that notice again to individuals is duplicative and unnecessary.

We urge the committee to reject this bill.

Thank you.

