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Re: PU-2280-00-200 Rugby to Canadian Border Transmission Line
 PU-401-99-586 Harvey to Rugby Transmission Line

Dear Dave, Jim and Bernadeen:

Commissioner Wefald asked me to request that NSP and Otter Tail provide the Commission with a written explanation of why neither company applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity prior to construction of the captioned transmission lines.

Please provide your responses by 31 July 2003.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, write or e-mail.

Best regards,

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Director, Public Utilities Division