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Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**Re: Public Service Commission Federal  
2005 Energy Policy Act Standards Investigation  
Case No. PU-06-290**

**Otter Tail's Comments**

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

On July 26, 2006, the Commission opened an investigation to consider whether to propose rules to adopt any or all of the new PURPA standards suggested under sections 1251, 1252 or 1254 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 ("Act"). The Order also set a workshop to discuss some of these issues.

The Order further encouraged the public to provide comments by October 6, 2006 (later extended to October 19, 2006). This letter is to inform the Commission that Otter Tail is not providing written comments at this time. Otter Tail believes the workshop will provide both the Commission and the public useful information regarding the new PURPA standards suggested under sections 1251, 1252 or 1254 of the Act, and we welcome the opportunity to participate.

An electronic copy is being sent to you at [IJS@nd.gov](mailto:IJS@nd.gov) and Sandi Scott at [slscott@nd.gov](mailto:slscott@nd.gov) today. Otter Tail has provided an original and 7 copies of Otter Tail's comments in the above-referenced Docket.

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Please contact me at (218) 739-8595 or [dprazak@otpc.com](mailto:dprazak@otpc.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Prazak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

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