

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Corporation
Advance Determination of Prudence
Application**

Case No. PU-06-481

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of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
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**ADVOCACY STAFF RESPONSE TO
REQUEST TO AMEND BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

On April 10, 2007, Otter Tail Corporation and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (collectively "Applicants") filed a request that the briefing schedule be amended to allow the parties to simultaneously file Post-hearing Briefs and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order on June 7, 2007.

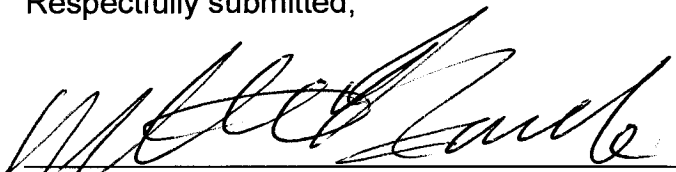
The Public Service Commission's advocacy staff opposes this request for the reason that advocacy staff will not have time to prepare a Post-hearing brief and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for the following reasons:

1. The Commission currently has a formal hearing in Otter Tail Corporation's Cost of Energy Adjustment Tariff scheduled for May 22, 2007, a formal hearing in NSP's Natural Gas Rate Case scheduled for May 24 and 25, 2007, and the formal hearing in this proceeding scheduled for May 29 and 30, 2007.
2. The Commission is hosting the National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys in Bismarck on June 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2007. Counsel for advocacy staff is the President of the conference.

Advocacy staff has no objection to parties supplementing their May 15 Briefs and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order no later than June 7, 2007.

Dated: April 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Binek", written over a horizontal line.

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