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January 15, 2008

## VIA EMAIL & REGULAR MAIL

Honorable Al Wahl  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
1707 North 9th Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-1882

**Re: Montana Dakota Utilities Co., and Otter Tail Corporation; Advance Determination of Prudence, Big Stone II Generating Station  
Case Nos. PU-06-481 and PU-06-482**

Dear Judge Wahl:

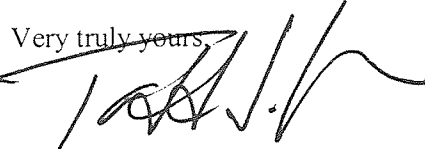
We have received the emails and letters that have been filed in response to Applicants' January 8, 2008 Motion for Scheduling Conference.

At the outset, Applicants do not agree with the proposal made yesterday by Plains Justice, including its suggestion that we delay this proceeding until the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission makes a decision in a companion case. Nor do we believe that the dates initially posited by Staff are reasonable under the circumstances, particularly given the limited scope of any supplemental hearings.

In any event, it appears that the best course of action is that you convene a simple telephonic scheduling conference hearing as soon as possible, so that parties can come to the hearing with their calendars, the most recent information regarding witness availability, the Commission's schedule, etc.

Applicants respectfully submit that such a hearing, while taking some time at the front end, will be much more efficient going forward and hopefully avoid confusion about how much time is actually needed to conclude the hearing

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully renew their request that a scheduling conference be convened as soon as possible. We would be happy to provide a telephone conference call number/bridge line if that would be helpful.

Very truly yours,  
  
Todd J. Guerrero

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c: Attached Service List

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Letter to ALJ Wahl Requesting  
Telephonic Scheduling Conference  
Otter Tail Corporation

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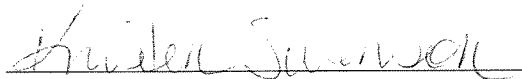
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Kristen Swenson, of the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, in the State of Minnesota, being duly sworn on oath says: that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, she/he served the following:

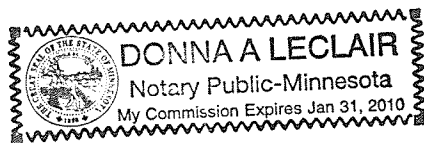
1. Applicants' Letter to Judge Wahl; and
2. An Affidavit of Service.

A copy has also been served upon the attached service list via electronic mail and U.S. Mail.



Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

  
Notary Public



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