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April 3, 2008

## VIA EMAIL ONLY

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:

I write to inform you of a stipulation between the Applicants, Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff, and Intervenor Dakota Resource Council. In talking yesterday with Advocacy Staff's expert Mr. Terry Deason, he indicated that he would appreciate an additional two days in which to submit his prefiled testimony, i.e., from the scheduled April 7, 2008 to April 9.

I then conferred with DRC's counsel Carrie La Seur, and DRC does not object to an additional two day extension for Advocacy Staff. While she indicated that DRC intended to be ready for the April 7 filing date, DRC indicated that as long as Advocacy Staff would be seeking an extension to April 9, 2008, it made sense to extend the due date for both Advocacy Staff and DRC to April 9, 2008, should you agree.

Applicants informed Advocacy Staff, Commission Counsel Bill Binek, and DRC counsel that Applicants also do not object to extending the deadline for Staff and DRC testimony to April 9, provided, however, that neither Advocacy Staff nor DRC object to extending the deadline for rebuttal testimony from April 21 to April 23, 2008. In effect, this means that the parties agree to also extend the rebuttal deadline from April 21 to April 23. To the extent that parties wish to file any rebuttal testimony prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, they are free to do that.

There is no request to extend the hearing date, which is set to begin on April 28, 2008.

Judge, please advise as to how you would like to proceed. Applicants do not believe any motion or other filing is necessary.

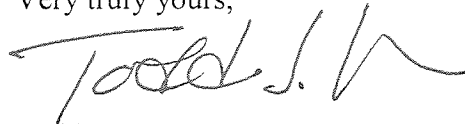
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Commission Counsel Bill Binek and Advocacy Staff expert Terry Deason, and Ms. La Seur have reviewed and approved an advanced copy of this letter. Should they have any additional comment or additions, they are encouraged to do so directly with you.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd J. Guerrero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a wavy tail.

Todd J. Guerrero

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Kristen A. Swenson, of the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, in the State of Minnesota, being duly sworn on oath says: that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2008 , she served the following:

1. Letter to the Honorable Al Wahl, Office of Administrative Hearings, dated April 3, 2008; and
2. An Affidavit of Service.

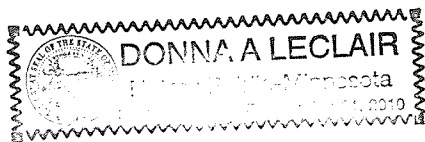
A copy has also been served upon the attached service list via electronic mail.

  
Kristen A. Swenson

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2008.



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