

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

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

On April 16, 2007, Intervenors Mark Trechock and Dakota Resource Council (collectively "Intervenors") filed a request that the schedule be amended to allow Intervenors to file their testimony on or before May 15, 2007. Intervenors apparently join in the request by the Applicants that Briefs and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order be filed on June 7, 2007

The Public Service Commission's advocacy staff opposes this request for an amended briefing schedule for the same reasons set forth in advocacy staff's response to the Applicants' request.


Advocacy staff opposes Intervenor's request to amend the testimony schedule for the reason that the tight schedule together with prior hearing commitments that the Commission has scheduled leave no room for the Commission to accommodate Intervenors' requests.

Intervenors should be required to file their comprehensive testimony on May 1, 2007. Advocacy staff has no objection to Intervenors supplementing their May 1, 2007

testimony no later than May 15, 2007 with testimony related to information supplied by the Applicants resulting from information received from the Applicants pursuant to an order from the Administrative Law Judge compelling discovery responses.

Dated: April 19, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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