

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

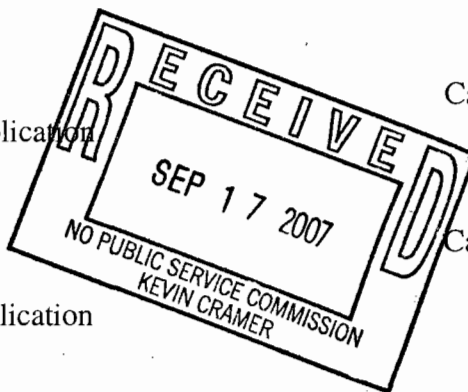
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Otter Tail Corporation
Advance Determination of Prudence Application

Case No. PU-06-481

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**ORDER FOR HEARING PURSUANT TO
NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE SECTION 28-32-25**

Mark Trechock and Dakota Resource Council having moved the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission) pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 28-32-25 for an order providing a hearing for the cross-examination of persons having knowledge of the additional information provided by Otter Tail Corporation and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Otter Tail and Montana-Dakota) in response to the Commission taking official notice of the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation in the matters of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company and Others for Certification of Transmission Facilities and for a Route Permit for the Big Stone Transmission Project in Western Minnesota, OAH No. 12-2500-17037-2, MPUC Dkt No CN-05-619 and OAH No. 12-2500-17038-2, MPUC Dkt No TR-05-1275, and for the offer of testimony and argument relevant to that additional information, in accordance with the requirement of the statute, it is

Ordered, that a hearing pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 28-32-35 shall be held October 1, 2007, beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505, for the purpose of the cross-examination of persons having knowledge of the

additional information provided the Commission by Otter Tail and Montana-Dakota; and for the offer of testimony and argument relevant to that additional information; and it is further

Ordered, that a prehearing conference shall be scheduled to be held by telephone conference call as soon as the parties can be heard to consider and determine the scope of the hearing, identify witnesses to be called and the subject matter of their testimony, and any procedural issues for the hearing.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 14th day of September, 2007 .

State of North Dakota
Public Service Commission

By: 
Al. Wahl, Administrative Law Judge
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the **ORDER FOR HEARING PURSUANT TO NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE SECTION 28-32-25** were sent by regular mail on the 14th day of September, 2007, to:

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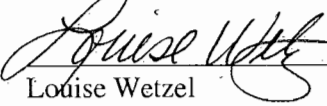
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