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December 13, 2007

Mr. Todd J. Guerrero
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Re: Otter Tail Corporation
Advance Determination of Prudence Application, Big Stone II Power Generating Station
Case No. PU-06-481

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Advance Determination of Prudence Application, Big Stone II Power Generating Station
Case No. PU-06-482

OAH File No. 20070100

Dear Mr. Guerrero:


I have your letter dated December 11, 2007, requesting a prehearing conference for the captioned cases to consider a proposed schedule for additional hearings. Before we have a prehearing conference, let's see whether there is anything to argue about, and, if there is, how the commissioners would proceed.

I suggest that you move the Commission in accordance with the rules to establish a schedule for additional hearings for this case, setting forth in reasonable detail how you propose to proceed. It may be that the commissioners and intervenors will find your proposal entirely acceptable, and the Commission can proceed accordingly with scheduling and notice. If there will be any disagreement, the commissioners can decide whether they wish to work out the details themselves

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with Commission staff, or would have me do so with a prehearing conference. I think this process will get us moving as quickly and efficiently as can be done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Al Wahl', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Al Wahl
Administrative Law Judge

AW/eap

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