
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2008
TO: Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Director
Public Service Commission
FROM: Al Wahl
RE: Otter Tail Corporation
Advance Determination of Prudence Application
Case No. PU-06-481

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division
Of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Advance Determination of Prudence Application
Case No. PU-06-482

OAH File No. 20070100

Enclosed for filing is the Order Vacating Order for Hearing Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 28-32-25 and the Order Scheduling Proceedings for Supplemental Hearings, both issued February 1, 2008, in the above-referenced matters.

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ORDER SCHEDULING PROCEEDINGS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HEARINGS

Applicants Otter Tail Corporation and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. having moved the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code ch. 69-02-03 for a scheduling conference and supplemental hearings for the captioned cases, the Commission having referred the motion to its designated hearing officer for these cases pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-04-07 for consideration and disposition, and being informed and advised in the premises by the parties and the Commission's advisory staff, it is

Ordered, that, a scheduling conference being unnecessary, the motion is in that respect denied, and it is further

Ordered, that the motion for supplemental hearings for these cases is granted, and the further proceedings shall be had as follows:

Applicants' Supplemental Pre-Filed Direct Testimony	March 10, 2008
Intervenors' and Advocacy Staff's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony	April 7, 2008
All Parties' Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony	April 21, 2008

(anticipating that the supplemental hearings will be completed in two days, a third day is nevertheless provided to avoid an unexpected continuance); and it is further

Ordered, that the parties shall each file and serve briefs, together with proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order, not later than ten business days following the filing of the transcript of the supplemental hearings, and may each file and serve rebuttal briefs not less than ten business days following the last day for filing and serving briefs; and it is further

Ordered, that all documents served and filed in accordance with this order shall be served and filed as printed documents delivered by regular mail or courier and as attachments to e-mail in PDF format.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 1st day of February, 2008.

State of North Dakota
Public Service Commission

By:


Al. Wahl, Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
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Bismarck, North Dakota 58501
Telephone: (701) 328-3260

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the **ORDER SCHEDULING PROCEEDINGS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HEARINGS** were sent by regular mail on the 1st day of February, 2008, to:

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and that a true and correct copy of the above document was mailed, inside mail, at the State Capitol, on the 1st day of February, 2008, to:

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


The North Dakota Public Service Commission having ordered supplemental hearings for the captioned cases for Otter Tail Corporation and Montana Dakota Utilities Co. to each offer additional information relevant to their separate advance determination of prudence applications for proposed modifications of their respective participation and ownership interest in the Big Stone II Generating Plant, the hearing pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 28-32-25 for the Commission's consideration of certain other additional information pursuant to and in accordance with the Commission's order dated September 14, 2007, is unnecessary, and therefore it is

Ordered, that the Order for Hearing Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section

28-32-25, dated September 14, 2007, and docketed September 17, 2007, shall be, and it hereby is, vacated without further requirement.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 1st day of February, 2008.

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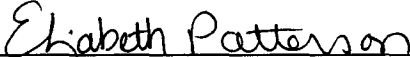
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