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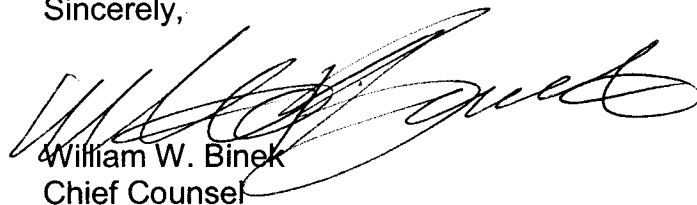
Re: Otter Tail Corporation Advance Determination of Prudence Application
Case No. PU-06-481

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Advance Determination of Prudence Application
Case No. PU-06-482

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm the Commission's request for a court reporter for the supplemental hearing in these proceedings. The hearing is scheduled to begin April 28, 2008, and will probably last two days. A copy of the Notice of Supplemental Hearing is attached.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL HEARING

March 12, 2008

On November 14, 2006 Otter Tail Corporation, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company, (Otter Tail) filed an application for advance determination of prudence of Otter Tail's participation and ownership interest in the Big Stone II Generating Plant, Case No. PU-06-481.

On November 15, 2006 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) filed an application for advance determination of prudence of Montana-Dakota's participation and ownership interest in the Big Stone II Generating Plant, Case No. PU-06-482.

Otter Tail and Montana-Dakota and other utilities proposed to construct a 630 MW pulverized coal facility located adjacent to the existing Big Stone Plant in Big Stone City, South Dakota. The companies are requesting that the Commission determine the construction of Big Stone Unit II generating station to be reasonable and prudent in order to provide the basis for future rate stability proposals the companies will present to the Commission.

A hearing was held on these cases in June, 2007. On September 17, 2007, the applicants notified the Commission that two of the project co-owners withdrew from the project and asked the Commission to suspend further activity on the case until the applicants developed a recommendation on how to proceed. On October 4, 2007, the applicants asked the Commission to supplement the record and on December 11, the applicants asked the Commission to establish a procedural schedule for the supplemental hearing.


A supplemental public hearing on this matter will be held beginning **April 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. You can listen to a broadcast of the hearing on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/media/comm-live.html>.

Issues to be considered in this matter include:

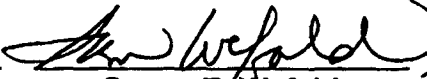
1. Whether the resource addition is reasonable and prudent.
2. Whether the applicants have need for additional generating resources.
3. What alternatives exist for meeting additional generation needs.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify, Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.


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