

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Corporation – Cass County
Electric Coop
Service Area Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-07-757

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Claire Tipton deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **17th day of January, 2008**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **four** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Order

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

William Schlossman, Esq.
Vogel Law Firm
218 NP Avenue
P.O. Box 1389
Fargo, ND 58107-1389

Charles MacFarlane, President
Otter Tail Power Company
215 S. Cascade Street
P.O. Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496

Cert. No. 7007 2560 0001 6050 7060

Cert. No. 7007 2560 0001 6050 7077

Bruce Gerhardson, Assoc. Gen. Counsel
Otter Tail Corporation
215 S. Cascade Street
P.O. Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496

Scott W. Handy, President & CEO
Cass County Electric Cooperative Inc.
491 Elm Street
P.O. Box 8
Kindred, ND 58051

Cert. No. 7007 2560 0001 6050 7084

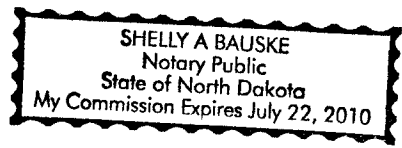
Cert. No. 7007 2560 0001 6050 7091

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Clair R. Jyfton

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 17th day of January, 2008.

Shelly a Bauske
Notary Public



SEAL

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Corp - Cass County
Electric Coop
Service Area Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-07-757

ORDER

January 16, 2008

On November 20, 2007, Otter Tail Corporation ("Otter Tail") d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company and Cass County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Cass Electric") filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by Otter Tail and Cass Electric within the City of Kindred, North Dakota and areas adjacent to the City of Kindred.

On December 6, 2007 the Commission issued a Notice of Filing, Notice of Informal Hearing, and Notice of Opportunity For Hearing, scheduling an informal hearing for January 7, 2007 and providing until January 7, 2007 for receiving written comments and requests for hearing. No written comments or requests for hearing were received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding as whether the Service Area Agreement complies with section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code and whether approval of the Service Area Agreement is compatible with the public interest.

On January 7, 2007 the Commission discussed the issues with Commission staff and the applicants at an informal hearing. The applicants contend that the Agreement will:

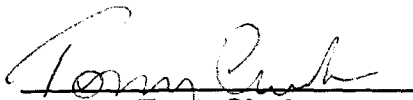
1. Create the certainty necessary for both applicants to plan and operate efficiently within the service territory granted to them;
2. Establish service areas which will avoid unreasonable duplication of electric facilities;
3. Mandate that both parties provide electric service consistent with applicable standards specified therein, so as to best assure adequate and reliable electric service to customers; and
4. Establish agreements which will help avoid territorial disputes between the parties regarding their service in and around the City of Kindred.

Having considered this matter the Commission finds that the Service Area Agreement complies with N.D.C.C. section 49-03-06 and is compatible with the public interest, and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission issues the following:

Order

The Commission Orders that the electric service agreement filed jointly by Otter Tail and Cass Electric is APPROVED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Tony Clark
Commissioner



Susan E. Wefald
President



Kevin Cramer
Commissioner