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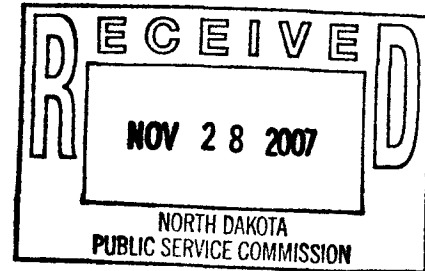
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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Re: Otter Tail Power Company Hankinson-Ellendale 230 kV Transmission Line

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Pursuant to NDCC § 49-22-07.1 and NDAC chapter 69-06-03, Otter Tail Corporation hereby submits this letter of intent to reroute a portion of Otter Tail Power Company's Hankinson-Ellendale 230 kilovolt transmission line in Richland County. The Commission is requested to waive the requirement in NDAC § 69-06-03-01 that the letter of intent precede, by one year, the filing of an application for a certificate of corridor compatibility.

It is anticipated that the proposed reroute may justify findings that the "length, design, location, or purpose ... will produce minimal adverse effects" and "that a demonstrable emergency exists which requires immediate construction and that adherence to the procedures and time schedules would jeopardize the utility's system" under NDCC § 49-22-07.2. Consequently, Otter Tail may submit a request for a Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules under NDAC chapter 69-06-06.

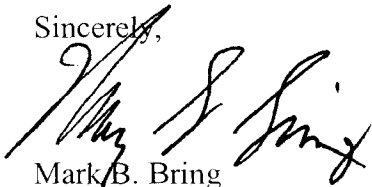
In accordance with NDAC § 69-06-03-01, the following information is provided in support of this letter of intent:

1. The Hankinson-Ellendale 230 kV transmission line is approximately 83.8 miles in length. The transmission facility is an integral component of the 230 kV transmission system, integrating baseload electric generation at the Big Stone Plant in eastern South Dakota and the Hoot Lake Plant in western Minnesota, and wind generation in southeastern North Dakota; and serving retail load in southeastern North Dakota, northeastern South Dakota, and western Minnesota. Otter Tail is proposing to reroute only a 0.64 mile portion near Grass Lake in Richland County, west and north of Lidgerwood in Sections 31 and 32 in Township 131 North (Dexter), Range 52 West and Section 6 in Township 130 North (Grant), Range 52 West. The portion to be rerouted consists of H-framed wood structures, which would likely be replaced by H-framed wood or steel structures.

2. A map of the study area for the proposed corridor is attached.
3. The anticipated construction and operation schedule is March-May of 2008, dates chosen to forestall a high probability of line outage due to ice floe in the spring.
4. The estimated total cost of construction is \$260,000.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Bring". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark B. Bring
Associate General Counsel
MB/dm

Attachment