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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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 and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Letter of Intent to File an Application for the Proposed Construction of High
Voltage Transmission Facility from Luverne, ND to Maple River, ND and for a
Waiver of of the Requirement that the Letter of Intent be Filed One Year Before
the Filing of An Application**

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Pursuant to NDCC § 49-22-07.1 and NDAC chapter 69-06-03, Otter Tail Corporation, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”), hereby respectfully submits one original and ten (10) copies of this letter of intent on behalf of it and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (“Minnkota”), a planned joint owner for the proposed high voltage transmission facility from Luverne, ND to Maple River, ND.

This permit would authorize the construction of an approximately 60-mile long high voltage transmission line from Luverne, ND to Maple River, ND and would be located in the Counties of Barnes and Cass, in the State of North Dakota. The high voltage transmission line would serve as a generation outlet line to support wind project development in Barnes, Griggs and Steele Counties.

Otter Tail requests that the requirement in NDAC §69-06-03-01 which requires that the letter of intent precede, by one year, the filing of an application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit be waived. The reason for the waiver request is that the generation outlet line must be in service by December 31, 2008 in order for the supported wind turbines to qualify for the federal Production Tax Credit. It is our hope to have the permits issued by April 30, 2008.

The construction of this line is contingent upon boards of directors’ approval of both Otter Tail and Minnkota, as well as the successful and timely issuance of permits and execution of wind developer agreements.

In accordance with NDAC § 69-06-03-02, the following information is provided in support of this letter of intent:

1. ***Description of size and type of facility and the area to be served:***
The Luverne-Maple River high voltage generation outlet line is approximately 60 miles in length. The generation outlet facility is an integral component of the proposed wind generation farms located in Barnes, Griggs and Steele Counties. The power line corridor is anticipated to generally parallel the BNSF Railroad from a new substation near the wind generation site Southeast of Luverne to an existing substation located near West Fargo, North Dakota. The proposed high voltage generation outlet line will allow the wind farms to contribute an estimated 400 MW of renewable energy to the grid.
2. ***A map of the study area for the proposed corridor:***
See attached map showing the study area for the proposed high voltage generation outlet line.
3. ***The anticipated construction and operation schedule:***
Construction is expected to begin in June 2008, with targeted completion in October of 2008.
4. ***An estimate of the total cost of construction:***
The estimated total cost of construction is \$29,000,000.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 223-2890.

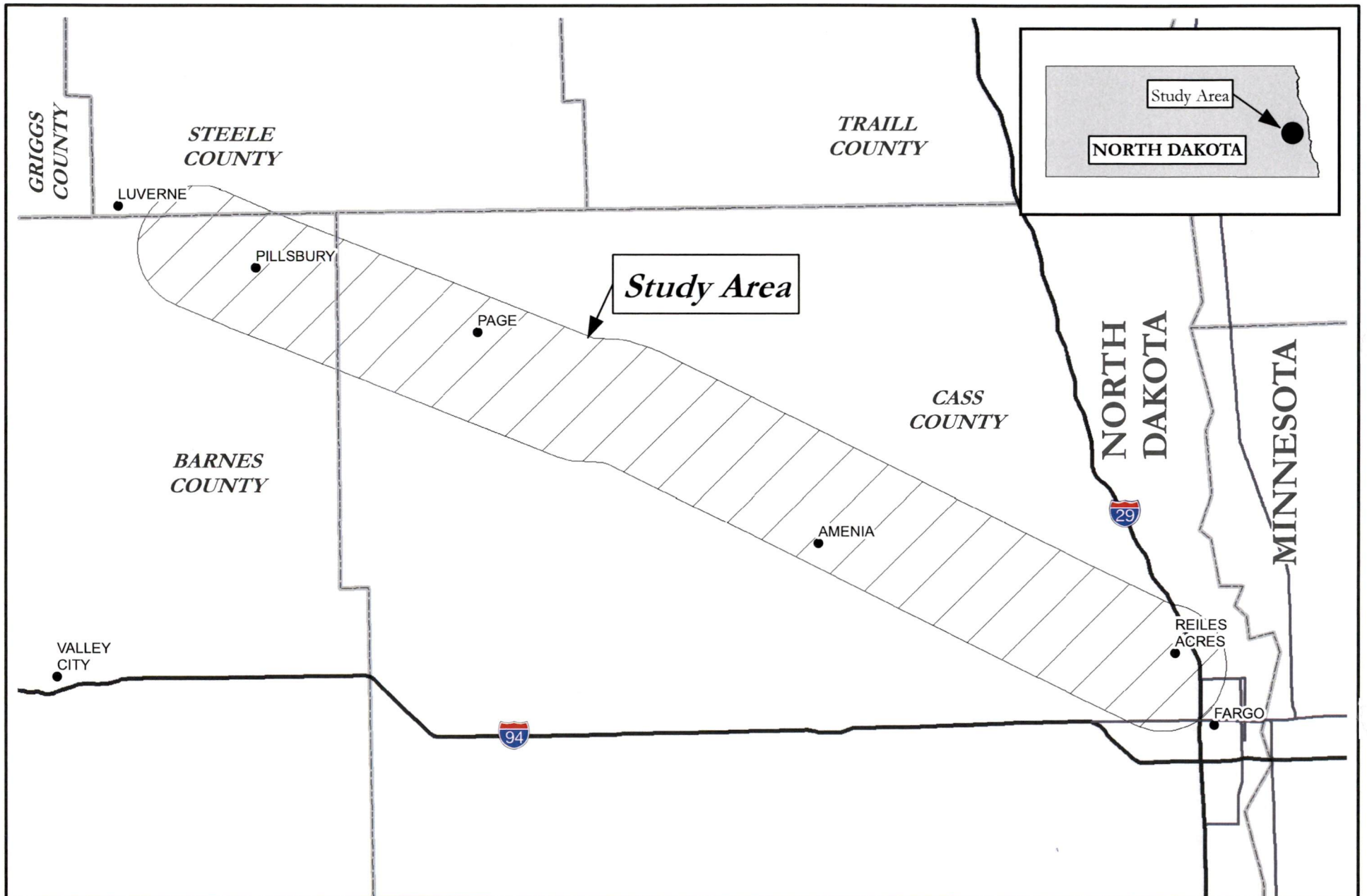
Very truly yours,

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Enclosure



Otter Tail Power Company
Gen-Tie Project Study Area
 Barnes and Cass Counties, North Dakota

