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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Jerry Lein
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: *Otter Tail Power Company - Ashtabula*

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is a copy of the radio and newspaper advertising for two open houses scheduled for February 25 and 26 to discuss Ottertail Power Company's proposed generation outlet that will run from Pillsbury to Fargo. The radio ads have been placed with two Fargo stations and a Valley City station and will run February 22 through February 26, with a modified script to promote just the Mapleton meeting on the 26th.

Please contact me, if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

PEARCE & DURICK

By 

Jerome C. Kettleison
Phone: (701) 333-0104

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Enclosure

cc (via email): Mitch Shields
Al Koeckeritz
Cindy Kuismi
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Public open houses for Pillsbury - Fargo electric generation outlet

Otter Tail Power Company and Minnkota Power Cooperative invite you to attend one of two open houses to learn more about a proposed generation outlet in east central North Dakota. Come anytime between 4 and 6 P.M. to discuss the proposed generation outlet with project representatives, see detailed maps of the project's study corridor, and receive fact sheets with additional project information. No formal presentation is planned.

Monday, February 25

Page City Auditorium
131 Morton Avenue, Page
4 to 6 P.M.

Tuesday, February 26

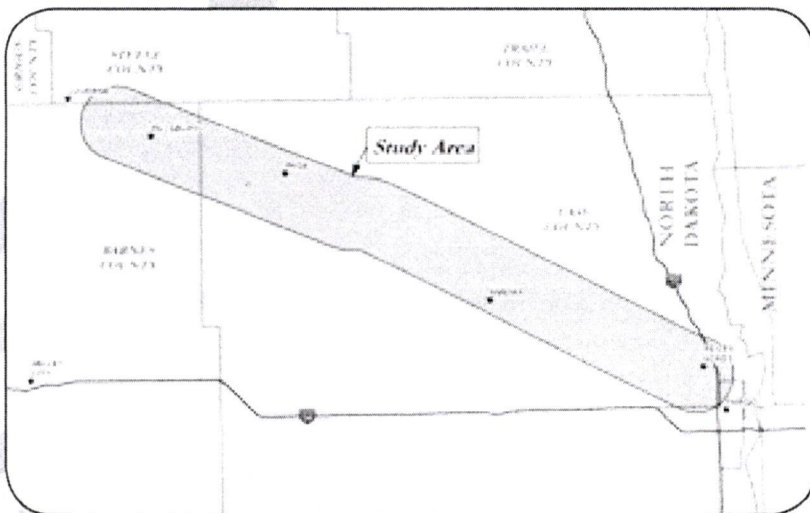
Mapleton Elementary School
506 1st Street, Mapleton
4 to 6 P.M.

The proposed generation outlet would transmit electricity on a high-voltage line from a new substation between Pillsbury and Luverne and would tie into the regional transmission grid at the Maple River Substation northwest of Fargo.

As the shaded map area shows, the corridor study area is located primarily in Cass and Barnes Counties and a small portion of Steele County, North Dakota. The study area is about six miles wide centered on an existing railroad corridor.

The generation outlet, which would include about 60 miles of high-voltage line, a new substation between Pillsbury and Luverne, and an upgrade to the Maple River Substation, would be capable of carrying approximately 400 megawatts. It is needed to accommodate electricity from proposed wind projects in Barnes, Steele, and Griggs Counties. These meetings will not address issues related to any proposed wind facilities.

Call Cindy Kuismi at 218-739-8751 if you have questions about the meetings or would like additional information.



Radio script for Otter Tail Power Company 30-second ad

RE: Pillsbury – Fargo Generation Outlet

\$500-\$600 budget

Otter Tail Power Company and Minnkota Power Cooperative invite you to attend one of two public open houses to learn more about a proposed electric generation outlet. The proposed line would run from Pillsbury to near Fargo. The first open house will be Monday, February 25, in the Page City Auditorium from 4 to 6 p.m. The second will be Tuesday, February 26, in the Mapleton Elementary School from 4 to 6 p.m.