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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Re: Proposed construction of a high-voltage transmission facility from Luverne, North Dakota to the Maple River Substation, northwest of Fargo, in Barnes and Cass Counties.

Dear Mitchell Shields:

My staff has reviewed a copy of your letter to the Governor of North Dakota and has followed up with a telephone conversation with you. Staff has found that the Public Service Commission has not yet received an application for this project but that a Letter of Intent has been assigned the PSC designation PU-08-48. According to your letter, the application should be coming soon from the Ottetail Power Company. You assured my staff that the project would not result in adding any materials in wetlands or bodies of water but will in fact, span all water bodies along the route. The proposed route largely will follow a railroad track and will cross the Rush River near the towns of Erie and Amenia as well as cross the Sheyenne River near the Maple River confluence.

If your project does not result in material being placed in water bodies or riverbeds along the route, you should not need a Sovereign Lands or any other permit from the Office of the State Engineer.

If you have any questions, please call 701 328-4949 to speak with my staff.

Sincerely,

Dale Frink, PE  
State Engineer

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cc: Governor's Office, Public Service Commission

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**Letter RE: No Permits Required**

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