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Darrell Nitschke
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SENT VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS
AND E-MAIL

**RE: In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in North Dakota
Case No.: PU-08-862; and
In the matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company's Annual Filing for Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Factor
Case No.: PU-08-742
Our File No.: 24677.001**

Dear Secretary Nitschke:

This letter is in response to the proposed schedule for testimony sent to the parties on February 20, 2009. The Large Industrial Group could not come to agreement with Otter Tail Company ("Otter Tail") on the due date for submission of Intervenor Direct Testimony. The Large Industrial Group proposes this date be set for April 1, 2009.

Due to the timing of the case and discovery rules allowing 30 days for answering information requests, the Large Industrial Group will not have adequate time to fully prepare for direct testimony if the due date is set at March 16, 2009. The Large Industrial Group, despite executing confidentiality agreements with Otter Tail on January 22, 2009, only received the complete filings in these matters on February 16, 2009. The result is that our analysis and final information requests based upon the initial filings, could not be completed in time to get answers from Otter Tail (allowing for 30 day responses) and submit complete direct testimony under the proposed due date.

While rate cases are ordinarily a challenge, especially in a seven month period, the fact that Otter Tail has not been in with a rate case for over twenty (20) years, means that the complexity of the case and necessity to have a thorough review is much stronger in this case. Allowing for a more

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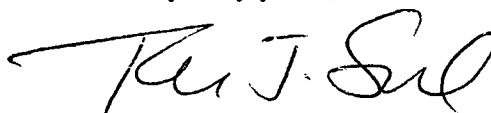
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adequately developed written record through written testimony prior to the hearings, will make for a much cleaner record and more expeditious hearing, as well as increase the likelihood of settlement prior to the hearing. If adequate time is not allowed to permit necessary discovery and written testimony, hearings will likely be more complex and lengthy, with more technical testimony being put into the record orally.

Ideally, given the complex nature of the issues addressed and substantial time period since Otter Tail's last rate case, we would request sufficient time to allow follow-up discovery, but recognize under a seven (7) month statutory requirement, cannot be facilitated.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate and your consideration on this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Savelkoul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Richard J. Savelkoul

RZS/vac

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Valerie A. Current certifies that on the 23rd day of February, 2009, she served a true and correct copy of the attached correspondence by e-mailing, Federal Expressing and placing it in the United States mail with postage prepaid, addressed to the following individuals:

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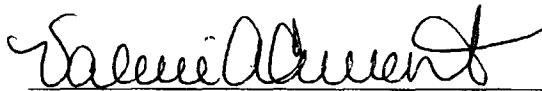
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of February, 2008.



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