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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
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*Via E-filing to ndpsc.gov
and UPS Overnight 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 Otter Tail Power Company's Annual Filing for Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Factor
Case No. PU-08-742

Dear Executive Secretary Nitschke:

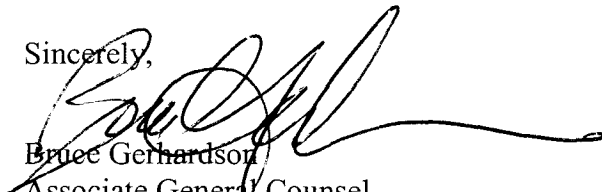
I am writing to request a suspension of the procedural schedule in the above-referenced cases. Otter Tail, Advocacy Staff and the Large Industrial Group ("LIG") Intervenors, which together make up all the parties to these proceedings, all agree to this suspension, as they are in the process of finalizing a settlement that would resolve all issues in these cases..

The current schedule anticipates Otter Tail filing rebuttal testimony on April 29, and the evidentiary hearing being conducted over the week of May 11.

The parties are in agreement that the procedural schedule should be suspended in order that the parties can devote their time to finalizing the settlement, preparing settlement documentation, and filing that for Commission approval.

It is expected that settlement documentation will be completed and filed within the next two to three weeks. For these reasons, Otter Tail requests that the procedural schedule be suspended as described herein.

Sincerely,



Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
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Otter Tail Corporation
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COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL)

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Nancy L. Olson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 23rd day of April, 2009, she served the attached filing in the above-referenced matter:

- by depositing in the United States Mail at the City of Fergus Falls, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid
- by personal service
- by facsimile transmission followed by first class mail
- by express mail
- by delivery service
- E-filing
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to all persons at the addresses indicated on the attached list.

/s/ Nancy L. Olson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 2009.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

/s/ Penny Mosher, Notary Public

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