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September 12, 2018

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408



**RE: Ashtabula Wind Energy Center (Ashtabula D), Northeastern Barnes County, ND
Case No. PU-18-
Certificate of Operation**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail), owner of 48 MW of Ashtabula Wind Energy Center, hereby submits a Certificate of Operation for the year 2017 in compliance with North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-09-09-03. Otter Tail apologizes for this late filing and requests the Commission accept this filing for the initial period in compliance with the recent rulemaking in case PU-17-23.

The Public Convenience & Necessity was issued for Ashtabula Wind Energy Center in Case No. PU-08-200 and the Decommissioning Plan & Cost is in Case No. PU-09-245.

Please contact me at (218) 739-8550, or HM McMahon@otpco.com should you have any questions with respect to this filing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey McMahon".

Harvey McMahon
Manager, Renewable Energy Construction
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Certificate of Operation ending 12-31-2017
Otter Tail Power Company
Harvey McMahon

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

Certificate of Operation for
Ashtabula Wind Energy Center (Ashtabula I)

I, Harvey McMahon, hereby certify that the production data for the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center (Ashtabula I) located in Northeastern Barnes County, North Dakota for the calendar year of 2017 to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is as follows:

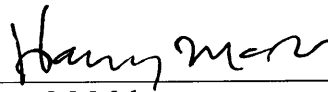
- A. Nameplate generating capacity: 48 MW
- B. Annual capacity factor: 39.07%
- C. Annual megawatt hour output: 161449342 MW
- D. Monthly megawatt hour output

January	15140253	July	7659300
February	14742707	August	6511016
March	14480378	September	12239291
April	13702915	October	18057652
May	13910723	November	16029936
June	12169844	December	16805327

Dated: September 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

By: 
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