

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence -CapX2020 Group 1
Application**

Case No. PU-09-676

**Northern States Power Company
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & ELECTRONIC MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

John Hamre deposes and says that:

he is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **26th** day of **March, 2010**, he deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, two envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Mark Bring
Otter Tail Power Company
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PO Box 496
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Cert. No. 7007 0710 0003 6055 1848

Zeviel Simpser
Briggs and Morgan
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Cert. No. 7007 0710 0003 6055 1855

John Hamre further deposes and says that on the **26th** day of **March, 2010**, he electronically mailed to 8 recipients, an electronic copy of the same.

The electronic mails were addressed as follows:

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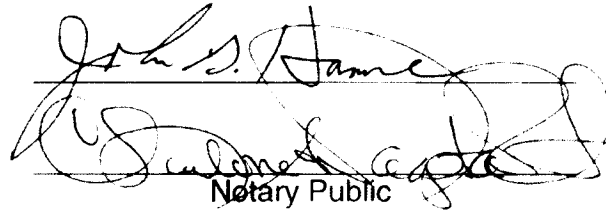
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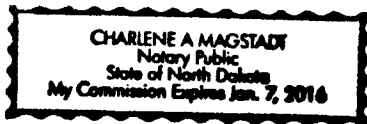
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Briggs and Morgan

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing address, and each email address is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of **March, 2010**.


Notary Public

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NOTICE OF HEARING

March 24, 2010

On October 5, 2009, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for advance determination of prudence of Otter Tail's participation and ownership in three high-voltage transmission line projects, Case No. PU-09-676:

- A 250-mile long, 345 kV transmission line between Fargo, North Dakota and the northwest quadrant of the Twin Cities, Minnesota.
- A 200-mile long, 345 kV transmission line between eastern South Dakota and the southeast quadrant of the Twin Cities in Minnesota.
- A 68-mile long, 230 kV transmission line between Bemidji, Minnesota and Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

On October 5, 2009, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for advance determination of prudence of NSP's participation and ownership in the same three high-voltage transmission line projects and, in addition, a 150-mile long, 345 kV transmission line between La Crosse, Wisconsin and the southeast Twin Cities, Minnesota area and two associated 161 kV lines in the Rochester, Minnesota area, Case No. PU-09-678.

Otter Tail and NSP are requesting that the Commission determine the construction of the transmission projects to be reasonable and prudent in order to provide the basis for future rate stability proposals the companies may present to the Commission.

Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding must file a **Petition to Intervene by April 16, 2010**.

A consolidated **public hearing** on these two cases will be held beginning **May 24, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor,

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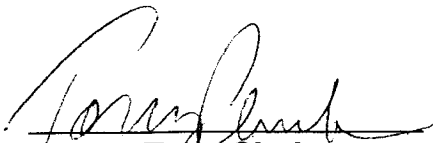
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. You can listen to a broadcast of the hearings on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/psc/media/comm-live.html>.

Issues to be considered in each case are:

1. Whether the resource addition is reasonable and prudent.
2. Whether the applicants have need for additional transmission resources.
3. What alternatives exist for meeting additional transmission needs.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please contact the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

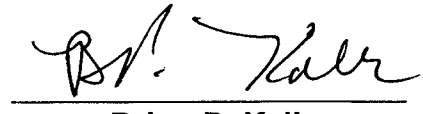
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