

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Northern States Power Company
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NOTICE HEARING

May 18, 2011

On October 6, 2010, the Commission adopted an order granting an advance determination of prudence for Otter Tail Power Company's (Otter Tail) 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 (Brookings Project).
- A 68-mile long, 230 kV transmission line between Bemidji, Minnesota and Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

On October 6, 2010, the Commission adopted an order granting an advance determination of prudence for Northern States Power Company's (NSP) 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.

The Commission's October 6, 2010 order required that Otter Tail and NSP (Applicants) make a filing providing additional information on the resolution of cost allocation issues relevant to the Brookings Project, including the impact on North Dakota. The Commission also required that Applicants make a filing evidencing the continued prudence of the Brookings Project and seeking Commission confirmation of continued prudence prior to executing a legally binding investment commitment for the major procurement and construction of the Brookings Project. On April 29, 2011, Applicants made a compliance filing.

The issue to be considered in each case is whether the Brookings Project continues to be prudent.

A **formal hearing** on this matter has been scheduled for **July 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. CDT** in the **Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor of the State Capitol in Bismarck.**

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