

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Application**

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE INSIDE, REGULAR MAIL OR ELECTRONIC MAIL

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Cara DeSaye deposes and says that:

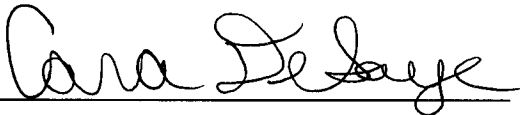
she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **19th** day of **May, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, two envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, 7 envelopes by inside mail, all securely sealed and each containing a photocopy, and 26 addresses electronically mailed a copy of:

Notice of Hearing

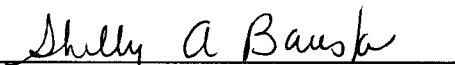
The envelope and electronic mails respectively were addressed as follows:

See attached list.

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

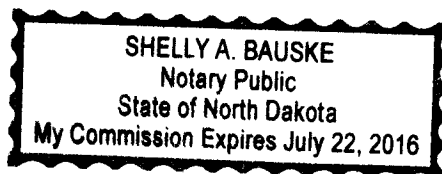


Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th** day of **May, 2011**.



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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.

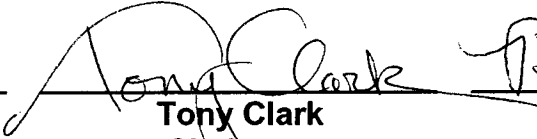
A **formal hearing** on this matter has been scheduled for **July 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. CDT** in the **Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor of the State Capitol in Bismarck.**

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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