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Re: Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence-CapX2020 Group 1
Case No. PU-09-676

Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence-CapX2020 Group 1
Case No. PU-09-678

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

This letter is to inform the Commission that the Applicants and Advocacy Staff have been working toward an agreement that we believe will resolve the pending issue regarding confirmation of continued prudence of the Brookings transmission project. We have reached an agreement in principal and are in the process of reviewing a draft written document. However, we will not be ready to make a formal filing prior to the work session scheduled for tomorrow.

Applicants and Advocacy Staff recognize that, given these circumstances, it may not be productive to hold a Commission work session tomorrow. We request that the work session scheduled for 4 August 2011 be cancelled, and that once a formal agreement is filed, the work session be rescheduled at the Commission's earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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