

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Discontinue Prudence Big Stone II
Application**

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Janet Marquart deposes and says that:

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Notice of Hearings

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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Janet Marquart further deposes and says that on the **11th** day of **March, 2010**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, two envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same.

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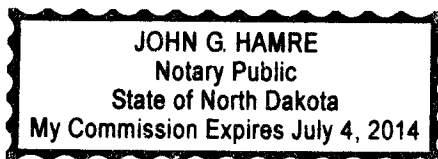
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **11th** day of **March, 2010**.

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Janet Marquart

John S. Hamre

Notary Public

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NOTICE OF HEARINGS

March 10, 2010

On August 27, 2008, the Commission adopted an order approving the requests of Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) (Case No. PU-06-481) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s (Montana-Dakota) (Case No. PU-06-482) for an advance determination of prudence for their ownership in the proposed Big Stone II Generating Station.

On December 2, 2009, Montana-Dakota filed an application for a determination that Montana-Dakota's continued participation in the Big Stone II Generating Station is no longer prudent, Case No. PU-09-731.

On December 4, 2009, Montana-Dakota filed an application for authority for deferred accounting for costs related to Montana-Dakota's efforts in securing new electric generation, primarily the Big Stone II Generating Station, until disposition of its next general electric rate increase, Case No. PU-09-733.

On December 14, 2009, Otter Tail filed an application for authority to use deferred accounting until its next rate case for costs incurred during its participation in the Big Stone II project, Case No. PU-09-739.

On January 19, 2010, Otter Tail filed an application for determination that continuation of the Big Stone II Project is no longer prudent, Case No. PU-10-30.

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Public hearings on the two Otter Tail cases, Case No. PU-10-30 and Case No. PU-09-739, will be consolidated and will be held beginning May 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505.

The issue to be considered in Case No. PU-10-30 is whether Otter Tail's continued participation in the Big Stone II Generating Station is no longer prudent.

The issue to be considered in Case No. PU-09-739 is whether authorization for deferred accounting of costs incurred during participation in the Big Stone II project is in the public interest.

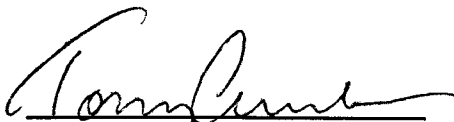
Public hearings on the two MDU cases, Case No. PU-09-731 and Case No. PU-09-733 will be consolidated and will be held beginning May 5, 2010 at the conclusion of the hearings on the Otter Tail cases or at 1:30 p.m. CDT, whichever is later, in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505.

The issue to be considered in Case No. PU-09-731 is whether Montana-Dakota's continued participation in the Big Stone II Generating Station is no longer prudent.

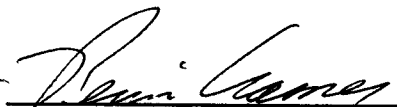
The issue to be considered in Case No. PU-09-733 is whether authorization for deferred accounting of costs related to efforts in securing new electric generation, including participation in the Big Stone II project, is in the public interest.

You can listen to a broadcast of the hearing via a link on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/psc/media/comm-live.html>. 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 notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

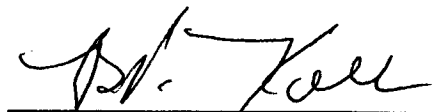
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