



DRC and Mark Trechock request the right to intervene in support of the applications of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company for a determination that discontinuation of the Big Stone II project is prudent, and in opposition to the right of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company to recover costs only to the extent such costs are not supported by evidence or are contrary to law.

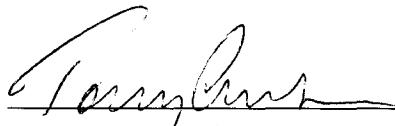
The Commission finds that Dakota Resource Council and Mark Trechock have an interest in these proceedings and their participation will not unduly broaden the issues or delay the proceeding.

### Order

The Commission orders:

1. The Petition to Intervene of Dakota Resource Council and Mark Trechock is GRANTED.
2. Admission as an intervenor shall not be construed as recognition by the Commission that an intervenor might be aggrieved by an order of the Commission in this case.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Tony Clark**  
Commissioner



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