

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company
Deferred Accounting- Big Stone II
Application**

Case No. PU-09-739

**Otter Tail Power Company
Discontinue Prudence Big Stone II
Application**

Case No. PU-10-30

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Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

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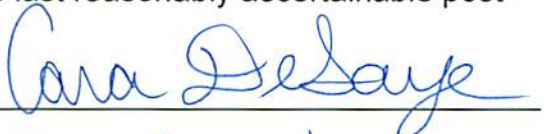
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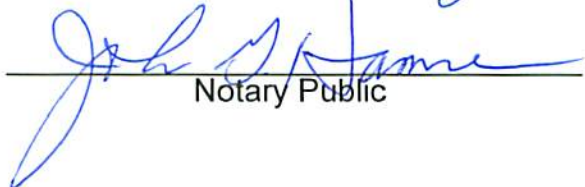
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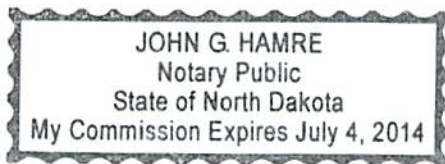
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28th day of May, 2013.





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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

May 28, 2013

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 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.

On June 25, 2010, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Settlement, which provided, among other things, a Big Stone II Cost Recovery Rider for retail recovery of Big Stone II generation related investment over a three-year period. The settlement provided that if construction of transmission facilities is not commenced within three years, then Otter Tail may petition the Commission for recovery of those costs.


Otter Tail filed an Application on March 29, 2013, revised May 7, 2013, to continue the Big Stone II Cost Recovery Rider for an additional eight months to recover transmission related investment.

The issue to be determined in this proceeding is whether Otter Tail's Application should be approved.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by July 15, 2013.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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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