



Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

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Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates
PSC Case No. PU-11-153

Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Tariff
PSC Case No. PU-11-682

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

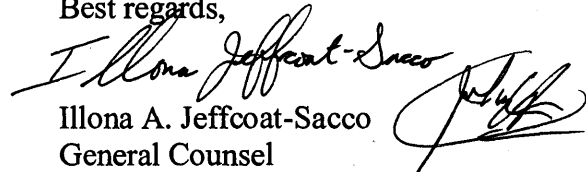
Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned cases. The cases are in the early stages and as of yet, there hasn't been a Notice of Hearing issued. When a Notice of Hearing is issued, a copy will be forwarded to your office. However, the hearing has been tentatively scheduled to begin 24 January 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol. We plan to prepare a Commission Motion to consolidate the cases for hearing for the 23 November 2011 Commission meeting.

There is a pending intervention request that has not yet been docketed. We will forward the request to the ALJ for a decision, once an ALJ is assigned.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge and any hearing will be electronically recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,


Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

enclosure

c/w enclosure: Bruce Gerhardson, Otter Tail Power Company
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14 November 2011

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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 03-2001)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, PSC Case No. PU-11-153
Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Tariff, PSC Case No. PU-11-682

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-04.03 (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 OTP is proposing to implement a rate schedule for the recovery of investments and expenses associated with new or modified transmission projects that are not included in base rates.

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 54-57-04(6).
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact:
 (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY See attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
 The hearing has been tentatively scheduled to begin 24 January 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room,
 12th Floor, State Capitol.

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 14 November 2011
Signature of Requesting Person X <i>Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco</i>	Telephone Number 701-328-2407

Attachment
 Request for ALJ
 14 November 2011

RE
 Otter Tail Power Company
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Representation Bruce Gerhardson Associate General Counsel Otter Tail Corporation	Address P.O. Box 496 Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496	Telephone Number 218- 998-7108
PARTY North Dakota Large Industrial Energy Group (intervention request pending)		
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