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**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Application for Advance Determination of Prudence
Big Stone Air Quality Control System Project**

Case No. PU-11-163

**Otter Tail Power Company
Application for Advance Determination of Prudence
Big Stone Air Quality Control System Project**

Case No. PU-11-165

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

To: Counsel for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Otter Tail Power Company,
Commission Advocacy Staff, and the Commission

Please take notice that a prehearing conference has been scheduled for this case to be held Friday, September 2, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., in the hearing room of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 12th floor, Capitol Building, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The purposes of the prehearing conference are to consider and decide whether these cases may and should be consolidated pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of N. D. Admin. Code § 69-02-04-04; to consider and establish a schedule and procedure for the initiation and completion of discovery; to consider and establish a schedule for the service and filing of pre-filed testimony and any rebuttal testimony; to consider a schedule and procedure for the identification of witnesses who are expected to testify and the subject matter of their respective testimony, the identification of expert witnesses who are expected to testify and the subject matter, the substance of the facts and opinions, and a summary of the grounds for each opinion for his or her testimony; and to consider and decide any other matters necessary or desirable to facilitate and expedite the hearing.

Counsel having his or her office located outside of Bismarck, North Dakota, may participate in the prehearing conference by telephone conference. Counsel who would do so shall inform the administrative law judge of his or her intention and provide a telephone number for his or her participation by e-mail sent not later than 9:00 a.m. the morning of the hearing.

Dated August 30, 2011.

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By: 
Al. Wahl, Administrative Law Judge