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MOTION

September 7, 2011

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Advance Determination of Prudence - Big Stone Air
Application**

Case No. PU-11-163

**Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence - Big Stone Air
Application**

Case No. PU-11-165

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate for hearing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Determination of Prudence, Big Stone Air, Application, Case No. PU-11-163 and Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Determination of Prudence, Big Stone Air, Application, Case No. PU-11-165, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04. For purposes of this motion, consolidation has the meaning stated in the Hearing Officer's September 6, 2011, order.