

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**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

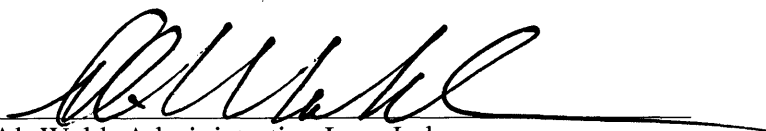
ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO TAKE OFFICIAL NOTICE

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota), Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail), respectively applicants in the captioned cases, together with Commission Advocacy Staff, having jointly moved the Commission to take official notice pursuant to N. D. Admin. Code § 69-02-05-08 of the publication in the Federal Register December 8, 2011, by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of its intent to approve and promulgate the South Dakota Regional Haze Implementation Plan (Regional Haze SIP), and compliance with N.D.R.Ev. 201(b) for the purpose being self-evident; it is

Ordered, that in accordance with its rule and N.D.R.Ev. 201 the Commission may take official notice of the provisions of the Regional Haze SIP for all purposes relevant to its consideration and determination of the applications which are the subject of the captioned cases.

Dated January 12, 2012.

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By: 
Al. Wahl, Administrative Law Judge