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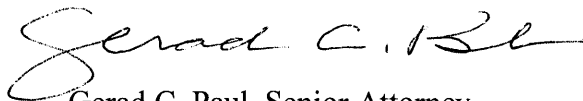
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Attention: Patrick Fahn  
600 E Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Re: North Dakota State Water Commission Devils Lake East End Outlet  
Case No. PU-11-654

Dear Mr. Fahn,

I am writing in response to your February 16, 2012 letter in regard to the above-referenced matter, Case No. PU-11-654. Otter Tail and I have conferred and rather than us both responding to your request, this letter is intended as our joint response. In a settlement accepted by the Water Commission, Nodak Electric Cooperative and Minnkota Power Cooperative will provide service to the Devil's Lake East End Outlet and own and operate the facilities necessary for such service. Nodak and Minnkota are underway in construction of the facilities necessary for service and it is estimated those facilities will be operational by May 1, 2012.

Sincerely,



Gerard C. Paul, Senior Attorney  
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

cc via email: Bruce Gerhardson, Associate General Counsel, Otter Tail Power Company  
Mylo Einarson, President & CEO, Nodak Electric Cooperative