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**AMENDMENT TO SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT**

Enclosed for filing and approval in the above matter are an original and seven copies of an Amendment to Service Area Agreement for the Bottineau area between North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company. An electronic version of this document will also be sent to you on this date.

Thank you.

Don Negaard

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Enclosure

cc/enc: Bruce Gerhardson, Otter Tail Power Company  
Wayne Martian, North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## Amendment to Service Area Agreement

1. Service Area Agreement. This Amendment to a Service Area Agreement between Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., (North Central) is entered into to amend the Service Area Agreement between the Parties involving the Bottineau, North Dakota Service Area which was approved by the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, on September 6, 2011, and filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) on or about October 12, 2011.
2. Amendment. The Parties agree to amend the Service Area Agreement by adding an additional paragraph, paragraph 11.10, to the Agreement as follows:

11.10 End of Term. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by the mutual agreement of the Parties. Otherwise, this Agreement shall continue to be in effect through December 31, 2041, and thereafter this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive five-year terms unless either Party provides written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement at least 180 days prior to the end of any such term.

The Parties' rights and obligations to serve new customer locations after termination shall be governed by the then applicable law, and each Party shall continue to be the service provider to those customer locations to which it provides service at the time this Agreement terminates.

3. Effect. In all other respects the Parties agree to be bound by all the other terms and conditions of the Service Area Agreement and to seek approval of this Amendment from both the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the City of Bottineau, North Dakota.

Dated to be effective the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.



By: Wayne Martian  
Its: Manager

Otter Tail Power Company



By: Dennis Ellefson  
Its: Area Manager