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**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT**

Enclosed for filing in the above matter are an original and seven copies of a Joint Application for Approval of 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.

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Enclosures

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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Joint	)	
Application of Otter Tail Power	)	
Company and North Central	)	Joint Application for Approval of
Electric Cooperative for Approval	)	Service Area Agreement Under
of a Service Area Agreement	)	N.D.C.C. § 49-03-06
covering the area in and around	)	
Bottineau, North Dakota, under	)	
N.D.C.C. § 49-03-06	)	

Applicants respectively represent to the Commission as follows:

1.

Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”) is a Minnesota-based electric utility authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota. Otter Tail’s principal address is PO Box 496, 215 South Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496. Otter Tail is a public utility under the laws of North Dakota, engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. Otter Tail’s Articles of Incorporation are on file with the Public Service Commission, having been filed in Case No. PU-09-676. A Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Secretary of State from the state of North Dakota is on file with the Public Service Commission in Case No. PU-11-165 dated May 15, 2011.

2.

North Central Electric Cooperative (“North Central”) is an electric cooperative organized in North Dakota under N.D.C.C. Chapter 10-13, with its principal place of business at 538 11<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bottineau, ND 58060. A copy of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of North Central are attached as Exhibit 1. A Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota is filed herewith, with a copy attached as Exhibit 2. North Central is engaged in the distribution of electricity in five counties in north central North Dakota.

3.

Otter Tail and North Central operate adjacent and intermingled electrical distribution systems in and around Bottineau, North Dakota.

4.

Under the authority granted by N.D.C.C. § 49-03-06, Otter Tail and North Central have entered into a Service Area Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3. Among other matters, the Service Area Agreement: (a) allocates to Otter Tail and North Central specified service areas within the City of Bottineau and adjacent to the City of Bottineau; (b) establishes service quality standards and agreements to cooperate, and establishes the authority of the City of Bottineau; and (c) retains the authority of the City of Bottineau to enforce the terms of any existing or future franchise agreement. By its terms, the Service Area Agreement is subject to the approval of the

Commission. The Commission has approved similar North Dakota Service Area Agreements in and around Garrison (PU-10-334 filed 6/29/10), Jamestown (PU-09-109 and PU-09-108 filed 3/10/09), and Wahpeton (PU-08-804 filed 10/2/08).

5.

The Service Area Agreement is in the public interest by, among other matters: (a) creating the certainty necessary for both Applicants to plan and operate efficiently within the service territory granted to them; (b) establishing service areas which will avoid unreasonable duplication of electric facilities; (c) mandating that both parties provide electric service consistent with applicable standards specified therein, so as to best assure adequate and reliable electric service to customers; and (d) establishing agreements which will help avoid territorial disputes between the parties for their service in and around the City of Bottineau.

6.

The Service Area Agreement was approved by the City of Bottineau at a meeting of its City Council held on the 6th day of September, 2011.

7.

For the reasons more fully set forth above, the Applicants believe that it is proper and in the public interest for the Commission to approve the Service Area Agreement, and grant Otter Tail a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to extend its plant and system within the service territory granted to Otter Tail under the Service Area Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Applicants request that the North Dakota Public Service Commission enter an Order:

- (A) Approving the Service Area Agreement in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-03-06;
- (B) Granting to Otter Tail a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to extend its plant and system and to provide electric service to locations within the Otter Tail service area set forth in the Service Agreement;
- (C) Granting such other relief as the Commission may deem lawful, just, and proper.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2011.

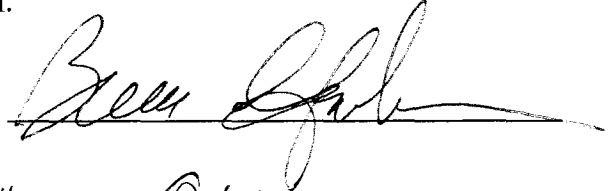
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

By: 

Bruce Gerhardson  
Associate General Counsel

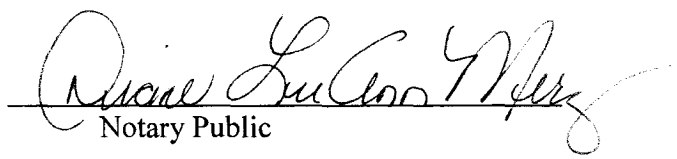
STATE OF MINNESOTA            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL        )

Bruce Gerhardson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Associate General Counsel of Otter Tail Power Company, the company described in the above-entitled matter; that he has read the foregoing Joint Application and knows the contents thereof to be true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.




  
Notary Public

Notary Public, State of Minnesota  
My Commission Expires: 1/31/2015

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Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE


By:   
Wayne Martian  
General Manager

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF BOTTINEAU     )

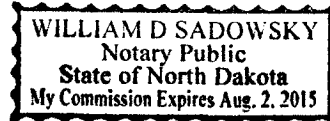
Wayne Martian, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the General Manager of North Central Electric Cooperative, the electric cooperative described in the above-entitled matter; that he has read the foregoing Joint Application and knows the contents thereof to be true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

  
Notary Public

Notary Public, State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: Aug 2, 2015



## EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 - North Central Articles of Incorporation
- Exhibit 2 - North Central Certificate of Good Standing
- Exhibit 3 - Service Area Agreement

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**North Central  
Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Bottineau, ND**

**ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION**

**AND**

**BY-LAWS**

**(Revised JUNE 8, 2006)**

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**RESTATED**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**NORTH CENTRAL**  
**ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED**

We, the members of North Central Electric Cooperative, hereby adopt the following Restated Articles of Incorporation. These Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede all existing Articles of Incorporation and amendments thereto.

**Article I.** The name of the Cooperative is: North Central Electric Cooperative, Incorporated.

**Article II.** The purpose or purposes for which the Cooperative is organized are to engage in rural electrification under Chapter 10-13 of the North Dakota Century Code and any other purpose authorized by federal or state law and all purposes authorized under Chapter 10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code.

**Article III.** The Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of Directors, as defined in the Bylaws.

**Article IV.** The address of the principal office of the Cooperative shall be 501 11th Street West, Bottineau, County of Bottineau, North Dakota.

**Article V.** The duration of the Cooperative is perpetual. The Cooperative is organized without capital stock. If the Cooperative is ever dissolved, the assets of the Cooperative, after all debts are paid, shall be distributed to the members in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

**Article VI.** A person or entity may become a member as defined in the Bylaws.

**Article VII. Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall have power to make and adopt such rules, policies, and regulations, not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Cooperative, as it may deem advisable for the management, administration, and regulation of the business and affairs of the Cooperative. **Section 2.** The private property of the members of the Cooperative shall not be subject to the payment of, and no member shall be individually responsible for, corporate debts to any extent whatever.

**Article VIII.** The Cooperative may amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of members voting thereon at any regular or special meeting, provided the notice of such meeting shall have contained a copy of the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal.

**NORTH CENTRAL  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
PREAMBLE**

The objectives of North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (herein called the "Cooperative") are to improve the economic status and living standards of all people in our service area by providing an abundant supply of low-cost energy consistent with sound business practices and good management.

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership. Any adult person, and any partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association, corporation, or body politic shall become a member of North Central Electric Cooperative, Incorporated (hereinafter called "Cooperative") upon purchasing electric service from this Cooperative. In purchasing electric service from this Cooperative, each member shall agree to comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Cooperative and any reasonable rules, policies, and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. No member may hold more than one membership in this Cooperative, and no membership shall be transferable, except as provided in these Bylaws.

Section 2. Evidence of Membership. Membership in this Cooperative shall be evidenced by purchase of and payment for electric service from the Cooperative.

Section 3. Joint Membership. Unless a purchaser of electric service specifies in writing that it is to be a single membership, all present and future memberships in this Cooperative by a married person shall be deemed to be a joint membership by the husband and wife, in joint tenancy, with right of survivorship. A joint membership

may be converted to an individual membership at any time upon the written request by both joint members. The term "member" as used in these Bylaws shall be deemed to include a husband and wife unless an individual membership is specifically requested in writing. Any provisions relating to the rights and liabilities of membership shall apply equally with respect to the holders of a joint membership. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the effect of the following actions by or in respect of the holders of a joint membership shall be as follows:

- (a) The presence at a meeting of either or both shall be regarded as the presence of one member and shall constitute a joint waiver of notice of the meeting;
- (b) The vote of either separately or both jointly shall constitute one joint vote;
- (c) A Waiver of Notice signed by either or both shall constitute a joint waiver;
- (d) Notice to either shall constitute notice to both;
- (e) Expulsion of either shall terminate the joint membership;
- (f) Withdrawal of either shall terminate the joint membership;
- (g) Either, but not both, may be elected or appointed as an officer or board member, provided that the person to be elected or appointed meets the qualifications for such office.

Section 4. Changes in a Joint Membership. Upon the death of either spouse of a joint membership, such membership shall continue to be held solely by the survivor, in the same manner and to the same effect as though such membership has never been joint; provided, that the estate of the deceased shall not be released from any debts due the Cooperative. Upon the legal separation or divorce of the holders of a joint membership, such membership shall continue to be held solely by the one who continues to purchase electric service from the Cooperative at the same place of service, in the same manner, and to the same effect as though such member-

ship has never been joint; provided, that the other spouse shall not be released from any debts due the Cooperative.

Section 5. Service Deposits and Deductions. The Board of Directors may require service connection deposits for each connection, extension, or other available service, pursuant to reasonable rules, regulations, and policies adopted by the Board. Before any funds are paid by the Cooperative to a member, or former member, the amount of any debts owing from the member, or former member, to the Cooperative shall be deducted therefrom.

Section 6. Purchase and Payment for Electric Service. Each member shall purchase from the Cooperative all electric energy purchased for use on the premises or any part thereof and shall pay therefor in accordance with the rules, regulations, and rates which from time to time are fixed and established by the Board of Directors. Production or use of electric energy on such premises, regardless of the source thereof, by means of facilities which shall be interconnected with cooperative facilities shall be subject to appropriate policies or regulations as shall be fixed from time to time by the Cooperative. It is expressly understood that amounts paid for electric service in excess of the cost of service are furnished by members as capital and each member shall be credited with the capital so furnished as provided by these Bylaws. Each member shall also pay all amounts owned by him to the Cooperative as and when they become due and payable. No member shall be entitled to receive any payment of capital credits that have been declared payable by the Board of Directors and the right to receive the payment shall not vest unless the member has paid all amounts due the Cooperative and/or all accounts due the Cooperative are paid in full.

Section 7. Termination of Membership.

- (a) Membership in this Cooperative shall automatically terminate when the member ceases to purchase and maintain electric service from the Cooperative.
- (b) The death of an individual human member shall

automatically terminate his membership, except that upon the death of a spouse of a joint membership, the membership shall continue to be held solely by the survivor. The cessation of the legal existence of any other type of member shall automatically terminate such membership; provided, that upon dissolution for any reason of a partnership, such membership shall continue to be held solely by such remaining partner or partners as were parties to the original membership and continue directly to occupy or use the premises served by this Cooperative.

- (c) Any member may withdraw from membership upon compliance with such uniform terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
- (d) The Board may, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Board of Directors, expel any member who fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or rules or regulations adopted by the Board of Directors (and regardless of whether or not such member continues to purchase electric service from the Cooperative), but only if such failure shall have continued for at least ten (10) days after such notice is given. An expelled member may again become a member only by reinstatement by a vote of the Board or by vote of the members at any annual or special meeting.
- (e) Upon the termination in any manner of a membership, the member shall be entitled to refund of any refundable service connection deposits still held by the Cooperative, less any amounts due the Cooperative; but neither he nor his estate shall be released from any debts then remaining due the Cooperative.

## ARTICLE II

### RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Property Interest of Members. Upon dissolution, after (a) all debts and liabilities of the Cooperative shall have been paid, (b) all capital furnished through

patronage shall have been retired as provided in these Bylaws, and (c) all membership fees (if any) shall have been repaid, the remaining property and assets of this Cooperative shall be distributed among members and former members within the twenty (20) years preceding such dissolution in the proportion which the aggregate patronage of each bears to the total patronage of all such members within the twenty (20) years preceding such dissolution, unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 2. Nonliability for Debts. The private property of the members of this Cooperative is exempt from execution or other liability for the debts of the Cooperative. No member shall be liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the Cooperative.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held on such date in the month of June and at such place within the project area of the Cooperative as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, which shall be designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any business that may come before the meeting. If the election of the directors shall not be held within the time provided in these Bylaws for the annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Failure to hold the annual meeting within the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by the written petition by members having one-tenth (1/10) of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting. It shall be the duty of the secretary to cause notice of any special meeting to be given as provided by

these Bylaws. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the project area of the Cooperative specified in the notice of the special meetings.

Section 3. Notice of Members' Meetings. Written notice, stating the place, day, and hour and in case of a special member meeting the purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days before the meeting, to each member by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon failure of the Secretary to act, at the direction of the persons calling the meeting. Notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice has been duly mailed to the member, or to either husband or wife in a joint membership, the failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. Seventy-five (75) members present in person shall constitute a quorum. If less than a quorum is present at any time, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 5. Voting.

- (a) Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and not more upon each matter being submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.
- (b) All questions shall be decided by vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.
- (c) Where a husband and wife hold a joint membership, they shall be jointly entitled to one (1) vote and not more upon each matter submitted to a vote at the meeting of the members. The vote of either separately, or both jointly, shall constitute one (1) joint vote.

- (d) Signed votes may be used only when specifically authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors. When so authorized, signed votes shall be valid and entitled to the same force and effect as a vote in person if the matter has been previously notified in writing of the exact motion or resolution upon which the vote is taken.
- (e) At all meetings of members voting by proxy shall not be allowed because, to the greatest extent practicable, the presence of each member is desired at all meetings of the membership and proxy voting has the tendency to discourage actual attendance at membership meetings.
- (f) In the absence of written notice that some person has been designated to represent a member who is other than a natural person, such member may be represented by any of its principal officers. If a member who is other than a natural person is not represented by any of its principal officers, such member may designate a natural person to represent it by giving the Cooperative a written notice at or before the member meeting, which shows that the named representative has been authorized by the managing board of such member to represent it at the meeting of this Cooperative. An individual may represent no more than one such member, and may also vote as an individual if he is a member.

Section 6. Order of Business. The presiding officer may adopt any order of business which provides an opportunity for full consideration of all matters to come before the meeting, subject to any proper action by the members assembled to change the order of business. Unless such a different order of business is adopted by the president, or the members assembled, the order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be as follows:

1. Report as to members present in order to determine the existence of a quorum;
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof or the waiver or

- waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be;
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon;
  4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors, and committees;
  5. Election of directors;
  6. Unfinished business;
  7. New business; and
  8. Adjournments.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **DIRECTORS**

Section 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative, except such as are by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or by these Bylaws specifically conferred upon or reserved to the members.

Section 2. Qualification and Districts. There shall be elected from each of the following nine (9) districts, one (1) but not more than one (1) director. Such districts being as follows, to-wit:

#### **DISTRICT 1**

##### **ROLETTE COUNTY:**

Hutchinson Township  
Holmes Township  
Hillside Township  
Engbretson Township  
Couture Township

#### **DISTRICT 2**

##### **ROLETTE COUNTY:**

Willow Lake Township  
Gilbert Township

**BOTTINEAU COUNTY:**

Cordelia Township  
Homen Township  
Roland Township  
Whitteron Township

**DISTRICT 3**

**BOTTINEAU COUNTY:**

Dalen Township  
Haram Township  
Scandia Township  
Scotia Township  
Eidsvold Township  
Peabody Township  
Pickering Township

**DISTRICT 4**

**BOTTINEAU COUNTY:**

Richburg Township  
Wayne Township  
Antler Township  
Sherman Township  
Bentinck Township  
Serguis Township  
Renville Township  
Kane Township  
Brander Township  
Hastings Township

**DISTRICT 5**

**BOTTINEAU COUNTY:**

Wheaton Township  
Hoffman Township  
Cut Bank Township

**RENVILLE COUNTY:**

Eden Valley Township  
Colquhoun Township  
Prosperity Township  
Stafford Township  
Grover Township  
Hamerly Township

**RENVILLE COUNTY CONT'D:**

Hurly Township  
Brandon Township  
Hamlet Township  
McKinney Township

**DISTRICT 6**

**RENVILLE COUNTY:**

Grassland Township  
Clay Township  
Lockwood Township  
Callahahn Township  
Muskego Township  
Prescott Township

**BOTTINEAU COUNTY:**

Blaine Township  
Mount Rose Township  
Lewis Township  
Chatfield Township  
Elms Township  
Lansford Township

**DISTRICT 7**

**BOTTINEAU COUNTY:**

Newburg Township  
Tacoma Township  
Whitby Township  
Starbuck Township  
Stone Creek Township  
Elysian Township

**McHENRY COUNTY:**

Meadow Township  
Deep River Township  
Pratt Township  
Grilley Township  
Little Deep Township  
Layton Township  
Bantry Township  
Gilmore Township

McHENRY COUNTY CONT'D:

Wagar Township  
Poplar Grove Township  
Mouse River Township

**DISTRICT 8**

McHENRY COUNTY:

Willow Creek Township  
Normal Township

ROLETTE COUNTY:

Currie Township

BOTTINEAU COUNTY:

Oak Valley Township  
Oak Creek Township  
Lordsburg Township  
Amity Township  
Willow Vale Township  
Cecil Township  
Wellington Township  
Ostby Township

PIERCE COUNTY:

Barton Township  
Dewey Township

**DISTRICT 9**

ROLETTE COUNTY:

Shell Valley Township  
Russell Township  
Kohlmeier Township  
Wolf Creek Township  
Leonard Township  
Union Township  
Rice Township  
Island Lake Township  
Finnegan Township  
South Valley Township

PIERCE COUNTY:

East Barton Township

Junita Township

Walsh Township

Each director shall be a member of the Cooperative. To be eligible to serve as a director, the member shall receive electricity from the Cooperative at the members primary residence which must be located in the District represented throughout the term of office. Primary residence shall mean primary residential abode.

When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected a director, provided, however, that only one shall be eligible to become or remain a director and the person appointed or elected shall meet the above qualifications for a director.

No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or in a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative.

Nothing in this section shall, or shall be construed to, affect, in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter in which one or more of the directors have an undisclosed interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

Section 3. Nomination and Election of Directors.

(a) Nominations. A nominee must be a member and resident in the district in which he is nominated to represent.

Nominations for director shall be made by written petition signed by twenty (20) or more members in the district from which a director is to be elected. Such petitions shall be filed in the office of the Cooperative not less than twenty (20) days before the annual meeting.

The secretary shall mail, with the notice of the annual

meeting, the list of nominees made for said directors by districts.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent additional nominations to be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the members of the Cooperative.

Notwithstanding anything in this subsection contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this subsection shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any official action thereafter taken by the Board of Directors.

(b) Election and Tenure. At the annual meeting, the nominees of each district, however nominated, shall be voted on by all members of the Cooperative who are personally present at such annual meeting. In other words, the directors shall be elected by the members at large attending the meeting and each member personally present shall have one (1) vote for each directorship being filled. The term of each director shall be for three (3) years.

At each annual meeting, one (1) director shall be elected from each of those three (3) districts whose directors' terms have expired, for a term of three (3) years or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The nominee from each district receiving the highest number of votes of all nominees from that district shall be elected.

Section 4. Vacancies. Except as to a vacancy filled by the members after removal of a director by the members, a vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors until the next annual meeting when a director shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacant directorship.

Section 5. Removal of Directors. Any member may bring charges against a director by filing them in writing with the secretary, together with a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of all of the members or fifty percent (50%) or more of the directors, requesting the removal of the director by reason thereof. The director

against whom such charges have been brought shall be notified in writing of the charges at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting at which the charges are to be considered and shall have an opportunity at the meeting to be heard in person, or by counsel, and to present evidence in respect of the charges; and the person or persons bringing the charges against him shall have an equal opportunity to present evidence, in person or by counsel. The question of the removal of such director shall be considered and voted on at the next regular or special meeting of the members. The members may, at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, elect a successor or successors thereof without compliance with the provisions of these Bylaws with respect to nomination of directors, by petition.

Section 6. Compensation. Directors shall not receive any salary for their services as directors, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, a reasonable fixed sum per diem and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and for attendance at state, area, regional, national, and other meetings on behalf of the Cooperative where attendance is specifically authorized by prior action of the Board of Directors. No director shall receive compensation for serving the Cooperative in any other capacity, nor shall any "close relative" of a director receive compensation for serving the Cooperative, unless the payment and amount of compensation shall be specifically authorized by a vote of the members, or the service by such director or close relative shall have been certified by action of the other members of the Board of Directors as an emergency measure. In the event of any potential disability to serve, the director or employee who first established a relationship with this Cooperative shall be allowed to maintain that status. The term "close relative" means any individual who is, either by blood or by adoption, including half, step, foster, a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, or grandparent, or sibling, or principally resides in the same residence.

Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice other than this bylaw, immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of members. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall also be held monthly at such time and place as the Board of Directors may provide by resolution. Such regular monthly meetings may be held without notice other than such resolution fixing the time and place thereof.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president, by any three (3) directors, or by any person authorized to do so by prior action of the Board of Directors. The person or persons calling the meeting shall fix the time and place within the State of North Dakota for the holding of the meeting and shall cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. Notices. Written notice of the time and place of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given not less than five (5) days prior thereto, either personally or by mail to each director. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the director at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when a director attends the meeting and objects there as to the transaction of business because the meeting was not lawfully convened. A signed waiver is equivalent to personal notice to the person so signing.

Section 4. Participation in Meetings. Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board or any committee created by the Board by means of conference telephone or other telecommunications equipment by means of which all Directors participating in such meeting are able to hear each other and communicate simultaneously with each other during the meeting, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute the presence of such Director at such meeting for all purposes. This bylaw is not intended to be a substitute for Directors' attendance at meetings and shall only be used in emergency situations or special board meetings.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the directors in office shall constitute a quorum, provided that, if less than such majority of the directors is present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time; and provided further that the secretary shall notify any absent directors of the time and place of any adjourned meeting. The act of a majority of the directors present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Manner of Acting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a writing setting forth and approving the action taken shall be signed by all of the directors entitled to vote upon such action. In such cases, such consent shall have the same force and effect as if a meeting had been held.

Section 7. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors shall have power to make and adopt such rules, regulations, and policies, not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or these Bylaws, as it may deem advisable for the management, administration, and regulation of the business and affairs of the Cooperative. Among such powers, the Board of Directors shall have power to establish reasonable classifications of business done with patrons, according to the type or nature thereof, for the purpose of regulating rates and charges for electric service and allocating capital credits to patrons.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS

Section 1. Number. The officers of the Cooperative shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Each principal officer must be a director of the Cooperative.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers shall be elected annually by and from the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the members. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held at the next meeting of the Board of Directors thereafter. Each officer shall hold office until the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the next succeeding annual meeting of the members or until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified subject to the provisions of these Bylaws with respect to the removal of directors and officers.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer or employee elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by action of a majority of the Board of Directors at any time and whenever in the judgment of the Board of Directors the best interests of the Cooperative will be served thereby.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. President. The President:

- (a) Shall be the principal executive officer of the Cooperative and, unless otherwise determined by the members or by the Board of Directors, shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors;

- (b) May sign any deeds, mortgages, deeds of trust, notes, bonds, contracts, or other instruments executed on behalf of the Cooperative, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Cooperative, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and
- (c) In general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 6. Vice President. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer, or in his absence, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, shall:

- (a) Cause minutes of the meetings of the members of the Board of Directors, and of any executive committee to be kept;
- (b) See that all notices are duly given in accordance with these Bylaws, or as required by law;
- (c) Supervise custody of the records and funds of the Cooperative;
- (d) Cause a register of the names and post office addresses of all members to be kept;
- (e) In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and of Treasurer, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. General Manager. The Board of Directors shall appoint a General Manager who shall manage the affairs of the Cooperative, under the supervision of, and in accordance with, the policies of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Bonds of Officers. The Board of Directors shall require the Treasurer or any other officer of the Cooperative charged with responsibility for the custody of any of its funds or property to give bond in such sum and with such surety as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may also require any other officer, agent, or employee of the Cooperative to give bond in such amount and with such surety as it shall determine.

Section 10. Reports. One or more of the officers of the Cooperative shall submit at each annual meeting of the members a report generally showing the business of the Cooperative for the previous fiscal year and generally showing the condition of the Cooperative at the close of such fiscal year.

## ARTICLE VII

### COOPERATIVE NON-PROFIT OPERATION

Section 1. Cooperative Operation. The Cooperative shall at all times be operated on a cooperative non-profit basis for the mutual benefit of its patrons. No interest or dividends shall be paid or payable by the Cooperative on any capital furnished by its patrons.

Section 2. Patronage Capital in Connection with Furnishing Electric Service. In the furnishing of electric service, the Cooperative's operations shall be so conducted that all patrons will, through their patronage, furnish capital for the Cooperative. In order to induce patronage and to assure that the Cooperative is obligated to account on a patronage basis to all of its patrons, for all amounts received and receivable from the furnishing of electrical service in excess of operating costs, expenses, and educational fund expenses property chargeable against the furnishing of electrical service, which operating costs and expenses may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, include all or any part of operating deficits of prior years.

All such amounts in excess of operating costs,

expenses, and education fund deductions, at the moment of receipt by the Cooperative, are received with the understanding that they are furnished by the patrons as capital. The Cooperative is obligated to pay by credits to a capital account for each patron all such amounts in excess of operating costs and expenses. The books and records of the Cooperative shall be set up and kept in such a manner that at the end of each fiscal year the amount of capital, if any, so furnished by each patron is clearly reflected and credited in an appropriate record to the capital account of each patron, and the Cooperative shall within a reasonable time after the close of the fiscal year notify each patron of the amount of capital so credited to this account. All such amounts credited to the capital account of any patron shall have the same status as though they had been paid to the patron in cash in pursuance of a legal obligation to do so and the patron had then furnished the Cooperative corresponding amounts for capital.

All other amounts received by the Cooperative from its operations in excess of cost and expenses shall, insofar as permitted bylaw, be (a) used to offset any losses incurred during the current or any prior fiscal year; and (b) to the extent not needed for that purpose, allocated to its patrons on a patronage basis and any amounts so allocated shall be included as a part of the capital credited to the accounts of patrons, as herein provided.

For the purpose of teaching and promoting cooperative organization and principles, five percent (5%) of the net margin in excess of operating costs and expenses properly chargeable against furnishing of electric service may be set aside each year in a special fund. The disbursement of any said funds shall be by order of the Board of Directors in accordance with the said purpose.

In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the Cooperative, after all outstanding indebtedness of the Cooperative shall have been paid, outstanding capital credits shall be retired without priority on a pro rata basis before any payments are made on account of property

rights of members. If, at any time prior to dissolution or liquidation, the Board of Directors shall determine that the financial condition of the Cooperative will not be impaired thereby, the capital then credited to patrons' accounts may be retired in full or in part. The Board of Directors shall determine the method, basis, priority, and order of retirement, if any, for all amounts thereafter furnished as capital. Without limiting the generality of the Board of Directors' powers to determine the method, basis, priority, or order of retirement of capital, the Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt rules providing for the separate retirement of that portion ("power supply portion") of capital credited to the accounts of patrons which corresponds to capital credited to the account of the Cooperative by an organization furnishing electric service to the Cooperative. Such rules may (a) establish a method for determining the power supply portion of capital credited to each patron for each applicable fiscal year, (b) provide for separate identification on the Cooperative's books of the power supply portion of capital credited to the Cooperative's patrons, (c) provide for appropriate notifications to patrons with respect to the power supply portion of capital to their accounts, and (d) provide for the power supply portion of capital credited to patrons for any fiscal year to not be retired, when other capital credited for the same fiscal year is retired.

Capital credited to the account of each patron shall be assignable only on the books of the Cooperative pursuant to written instruction from the assignor and upon such conditions as the Board of Directors, acting under the policies of general application, shall determine.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Board of Directors, at its discretion, shall have the power at any time upon the death of any patron who is a natural person, if the legal representatives of his estate shall request in writing that the capital credited to any such patron be retired prior to the time such capital would otherwise be retired under the provisions of these Bylaws, to retire capital credited to any such patron immediately

upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors, acting under policies of general application, and the legal representatives of such patron's estate shall agree, provided however that the financial condition of the Cooperative will not be impaired thereby.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

Section 1. Disposition of Assets. The Cooperative shall not sell, transfer, or convey, within the period of any single calendar year, physical plant in excess of five percent (5%) in value of total assets of the Cooperative, based upon the most recent audit of the books of the Cooperative, unless consent therefor shall have been obtained by vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Cooperative cast at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, after notice in writing to all the members of the Cooperative not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the sale, transfer, conveyance, or exchange of assets to another electric cooperative corporation, an agency of the State of North Dakota, or agency of the Government of the United States in accordance with the following procedure: At any meeting, the members may authorize the sale, transfer, conveyance, or exchange of all or substantially all of the Cooperative's physical plant to another electric cooperative corporation, an agency of the State of North Dakota, or any agency of the Government of the United States if:

- (a) Notice that such disposition will be considered at such meeting has been given to all persons entitled to vote thereon and
- (b) Such disposition has been approved by a majority of those voting at the meeting.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the sale, transfer, conveyance, or exchange for physical plant of equal

monetary value to any person or organization, public or private. Except as otherwise provided in this section, assets of the Cooperative may be disposed of by action of the Board of Directors. Physical plant of the Cooperative amounting to five percent (5%) or less in value of total assets of the Cooperative may be sold, transferred, or conveyed in a single calendar year to any transferee by action of the Board of Directors, and less than substantially all of the Cooperative's physical plant may be sold, transferred, or conveyed to another electric cooperative corporation, an agency of the State of North Dakota, or agency of the Government of the United States by action of the Board of Directors. Assets of the Cooperative may be exchanged for physical plant of equal monetary value to any person or organization, public or private, by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Issuance of Security for Indebtedness. The Board of Directors, without any further authorization by the members of the Cooperative, shall have full power and authority to secure payment of the Cooperative's debts by mortgaging any or all of the Cooperative's rights, privileges, authority and franchise, revenues, and other property, whether acquired or to be acquired, and wherever situated, all upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may determine.

Section 3. Limitations and Indebtedness. The indebtedness of North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., shall at no time exceed the sum of Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000).

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Cooperative shall begin on the first (1st) day of January of each year and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December of the same year.

Section 2. Seal. The corporate seal of the Cooperative shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed

thereon the name of the Cooperative and the words "Corporate Seal, North Dakota."

Section 3. Contracts. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Cooperative, and such authority may be general or confirmed to specific instances.

Section 4. Execution of Checks, Drafts, or Other Evidence of Indebtedness. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, and all notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Cooperative shall be signed by such officers, agents, or employees of the Cooperative, and in such manner, as shall from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Deposits. All funds of the Cooperative shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Cooperative in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 6. Contract. The patrons of the Cooperative, by dealing with the Cooperative, acknowledge that the terms and provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws shall constitute and be a contract between the Cooperative and each patron, and both the Cooperative and the patrons are bound by such contract, as fully as though each patron had individually signed a separate instrument containing such terms and provisions.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the members at any regular or special meeting, provided the notice of such meeting shall have contained a copy of the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal.

**EXHIBIT 2**  
**CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

# *State of North Dakota*

## SECRETARY OF STATE



### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF

NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED, a North Dakota COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, was incorporated in this office on April 24, 1941 and, according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing a North Dakota COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

**ACCORDINGLY** the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED

Issued: October 6, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

**EXHIBIT 3**  
**SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT**

## **SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT**

### **BOTTINEAU, NORTH DAKOTA**

This Service Area Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY, 215 South Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537, ("Otter Tail") and NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., 538 11th Street West, Suite 1, Bottineau, North Dakota 58318-1913, ("North Central") pursuant to Section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code to encourage harmony and operational efficiency in the provision of electric distribution service in the area within and around the City of Bottineau, located in Bottineau County, North Dakota, described herein; to promote safety and discourage unreasonable duplication of electric facilities; to assure adequate and reliable electric service for all consumers within the area of this Agreement; and to provide both Parties with equitable participation in the provision of electric distribution service within undeveloped or unserved areas of Bottineau, North Dakota, during the term of this Agreement.

Otter Tail and North Central are also hereafter referred to individually each as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties" in this Agreement.

### **RECITALS**

In 2005, the North Dakota Legislature enacted 2005 North Dakota Session Laws Ch. 394, codified as North Dakota Century Code Section 49-03-06, to authorize "service area agreements" among "electric providers." Otter Tail and North Central are "electric providers" as defined under N.D.C.C. § 49-03-01.5.

Otter Tail and North Central desire to enter into a Service Area Agreement in compliance with the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 49-03-06 to establish service areas and to designate Service Locations to be served by Otter Tail and by North Central within Bottineau County, North Dakota, in and around Bottineau, and this Agreement shall supersede any prior agreements between the Parties, whether oral or written.

### **SECTION I. AGREEMENT**

In an earnest and sincere effort to avoid misunderstanding and disagreement over areas to be served by each Party, to accomplish the legislative intent of N.D.C.C. § 49-03-06 to encourage harmony and operational efficiency among electric providers, promote safety, discourage unreasonable duplication of electric facilities, assure adequate and reliable electric service, and to provide both Parties with equitable Participation in the provision of electric distribution service within undeveloped areas in Bottineau County, North Dakota, during the term of this Agreement, Otter Tail and North Central agree to the following:

I.1. North Central Service Area. North Central shall provide electric service in the service areas and to the Service Locations as further stipulated and identified in this Agreement.

I.2. Otter Tail Service Area. Otter Tail shall provide electric service in the service areas and to the Service Locations as further stipulated and identified in this Agreement.

I.3. Duplication. The Parties will avoid unreasonable duplication of facilities in order to provide electric service for all consumers efficiently and economically.

I.4. Description of North Central Service Area. The service area of North Central will be that area described in Exhibit A-2 and as shown in the attached map (Exhibit A) that are incorporated by reference as integral to this Agreement. All Service Locations in North Central's service area are designated to be served by North Central, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or in any amendment to this Agreement. Otter Tail will continue to provide electric service to Service Locations set forth in Exhibit A-1 it is presently serving within North Central's service area (herein Grandfathered Service Locations) and will provide electric service to new Service Locations within North Central's service area only under conditions further stipulated in this Agreement.

I.5. Description of Otter Tail Service Area. The service area of Otter Tail will be that area described in Exhibit A-1 and as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A). All Service Locations in Otter Tail's service area are designated to be served by Otter Tail, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or in any amendment to this Agreement. North Central will provide electric service to new Service Locations within Otter Tail's service area only under conditions further stipulated in this Agreement.

I.6. Agreement to Not Infringe. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or in any amendment to this Agreement, Otter Tail shall not provide retail electric service in North Central's service area and North Central shall not provide retail electric service in Otter Tail's service area.

I.7. Grandfathered Service Locations. For purposes of paragraphs I.4 and I.5 of this Agreement, Grandfathered Service Locations that may continue to be served by Otter Tail shall be as set forth in Exhibit A-2 attached hereto. "Grandfathered Service Locations" shall mean only those structures, facilities, or improvements on a parcel of real property to which electric service is currently being provided. A Grandfathered Service Location includes expansions, improvements, or additions to the structures, facilities, and other improvements on the property made by an existing consumer after the real property is included within a designated service area. A Grandfathered Service Location does not include any upgrade from a single-phase family/farm use to a three-phase use; nor does it include replacement of single-phase commercial/industrial use with a three-phase commercial/industrial use.

I.8. Extent of Agreement. This Agreement shall apply only to the areas described in this Agreement and shown on Exhibits A, A-1, and A-2 that are incorporated by reference as integral to this Agreement.

I.9. Individual Exceptions for New Service Locations. If either Party to this Agreement is requested to provide electric service to a New Service Location in the other Party's service area, such service may be supplied on either a temporary or permanent basis only with the written consent of the other Party, provided that such individual exception shall not in any way alter the basic intentions of the Parties, that each shall not provide electric service to any New Service Location in the other Party's service area.

I.10. Exchange, Sale—No Purchase Obligation. If an exchange of Service Locations can be agreed upon by both Parties, such an exchange can be made. The Parties may negotiate to exchange or sell and purchase equipment, plant, or facilities located in one another's service areas. Nothing contained herein shall obligate either Party to purchase, sell, or otherwise transfer any of its existing customers, electrical service locations, or electric utility franchises to the other Party.

I.11. Removal. If either Party terminates service to a Service Location in the other Party's service area, and facilities are not acquired by the other Party, such facilities may be abandoned or removed by the Party that owns the facilities at its expense.

I.12. Contracts of Service. Notwithstanding the generality of other provisions of this Agreement, it is specifically agreed that Otter Tail will continue to serve any Service Location already served by Otter Tail in North Central's service area as outlined in Exhibit A-2 to this Agreement.

I.13. Transmission Rights Unaffected. This Agreement does not affect North Central's or Otter Tail's rights to construct transmission line facilities or to maintain existing transmission line facilities in the other Party's service area for the purpose of providing adequate electric power in any area it serves.

I.14. Approvals Required. This Service Area Agreement is subject to approval of the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the continuing jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to settle Service Location disputes arising under the Agreement. Upon execution of the Agreement, it shall be promptly filed with the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, and the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Both Parties will file written statements with and appear, as may be necessary, before the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the Bottineau City Council supporting unconditional approval of this Agreement. If this Agreement is disapproved by the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, or the North Dakota Public Service Commission, or both, this Agreement shall be void ab initio. Neither party shall take any action to oppose the adoption and approval of this Agreement by any governmental agency.

I.15. Good Faith. It is realized that this Agreement will not cover all situations which may arise, but if followed in good faith by both Parties, it will serve as a guide to future developments and growth for both Parties.

I.16. Boundaries. The Parties may cross the boundaries of this Agreement with new primary or secondary voltage lines only upon written agreement of the Parties or lacking that agreement upon approval of the North Dakota Public Service Commission. However, nothing herein will require either party to move or modify any lines of any voltage in existence at the time of this Agreement.

## **SECTION II.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

II.1. No Agency. This Agreement is made between the Parties entirely independent from each other. Neither Party shall be a legal representative of the other for any purpose whatsoever. Neither Party has the right or authority to assume or create any obligations of any kind on behalf of the other.

II.2. Complete Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that no representations or statements have been made which would modify or tend to modify any of the provisions of this Agreement. All of the understandings between the Parties are contained in this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and terminates all previous agreements entered into between the Parties with respect to the provision of electric service. Any amendments to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both Parties and filed with the City of Bottineau and the NDPSC.

II.3. No Third Party Beneficiary. This Agreement may be enforced solely by the named Parties, their respective successors and assigns. No municipality, customer, member, or other individual or entity not a named party or successor to a party to this Agreement is intended to be a beneficiary of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement may be enforced solely by the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

II.4. Assignment of the Agreement. Either Party may assign this Agreement in connection with a merger, sale of substantially all of the assets, consolidation, or other reorganization where the surviving entity acquires the right to provide electric service in the service area of the Party.

II.5. Partial Invalidity. Each provision of this Agreement will be interpreted so as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable under applicable law in any jurisdiction, then such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability will not affect any other provision, and this Agreement will be reformed, construed, and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been included herein.


11.6. Waiver. The failure of either Party at any time to require strict performance of any condition of this Agreement shall not affect the right to require full performance thereof at any time thereafter, and the waiver by either Party of a breach of any such condition shall not constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach thereof, nor nullify the validity of such condition.

11.7. Notices. Any notices, including notice of termination permitted to be given under this Agreement, shall be given in writing and delivered in person, by facsimile, or by mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Party to whom notice is being given. Notices shall be given to the address or facsimile number set forth in this Agreement, or such other place as may be specified by either Party from time to time.

11.8. Approval Required. This Agreement shall be void in its entirety if not approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the City Council of Bottineau, North Dakota, or if the Bottineau City Council does not grant franchises consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

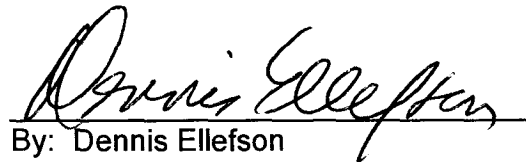
11.9. Continuing Jurisdiction. This Agreement is subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to settle all service location disputes between the contracting electric providers arising under the Agreement.

NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.



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**CONSENT**

The City of Bottineau, North Dakota, consents to this Agreement between the Parties and agrees that each of the Parties may provide service within their respective service territories identified herein which are now or in the future located within the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, to the full extent authorized by their respective franchise agreements with the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, as they may be established, extended, or renewed.

The undersigned certifies that this Agreement was approved by the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, at a meeting held on the 6th day of September, 2011.

CITY OF BOTTINEAU, NORTH  
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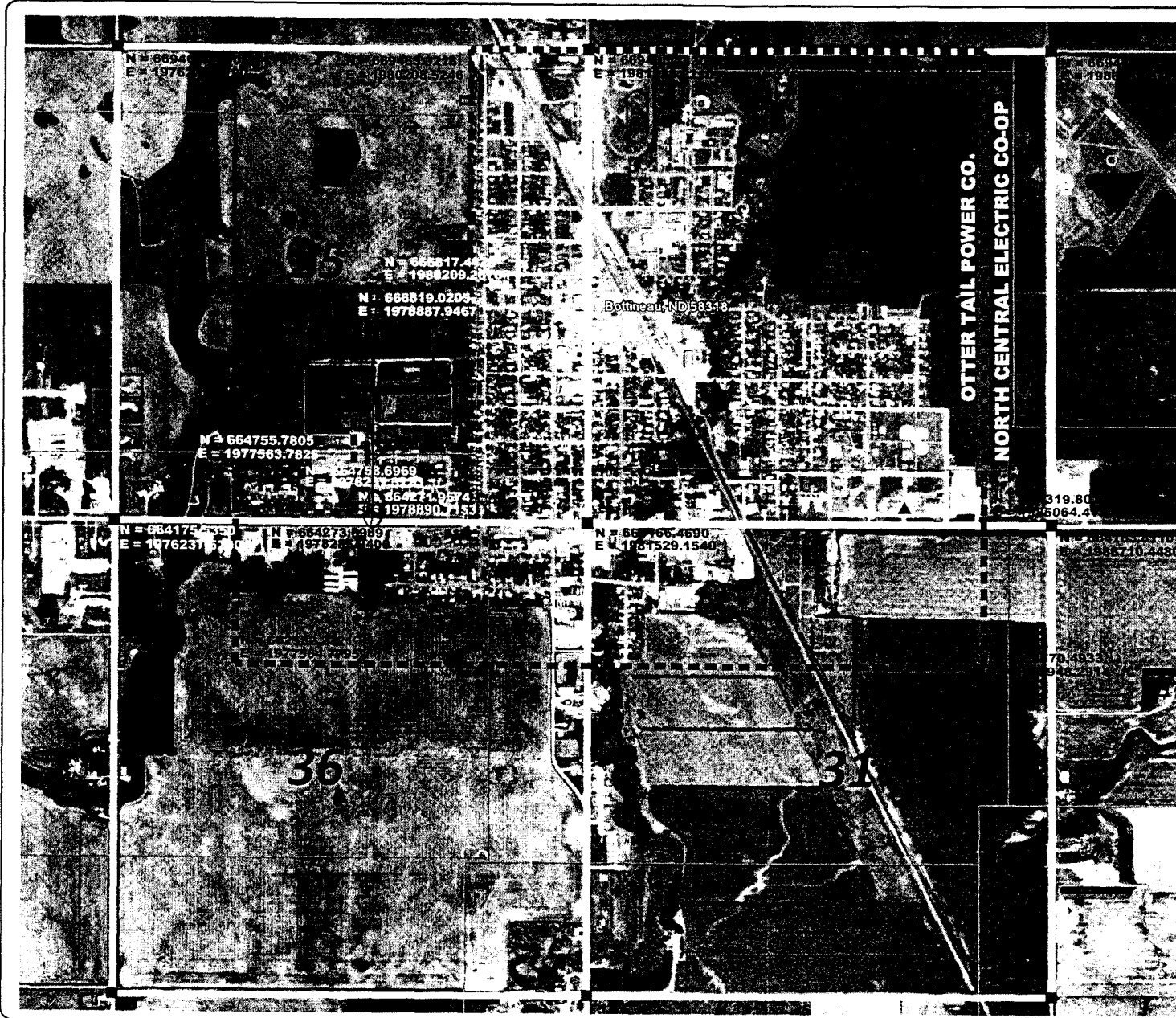
By:   
Its: Mayor

## EXHIBIT A

Exhibit A is a document prepared by Wold Engineering, P.C. (Wold), and contains a hatched line to show the boundary agreed upon by Otter Tail Power Company and North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. Each of the corners of the boundary line on the map is labeled A through K, inclusive, and their positions are identified in a table at the bottom left side of Exhibit A (the Table).

In the Table at the bottom of Exhibit A, each of the labeled corners of the boundary line are defined using geodetic positions based on the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) and are converted to State Plane, NAD83, 3301 - North Dakota (North) (Int. Feet) coordinates using the program CORPSCON (v.6.0.1), written and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The primary control point, used for the geodetic positions, is WLD1 as shown on Exhibit A and its position was determined using the Online Positioning User Service (OPUS).

Using this system, Wold determined the location of the corner positions of the boundary agreed to by Otter Tail Power and North Central Electric Cooperative on the map shown as Exhibit A and the Table in Exhibit A.



**North Central Electric Cooperative  
Otter Tail Power Company**  
City of Bottineau  
Boundary Line Agreement  
Sections 30 & 31, Twp. 162 N., Rge. 75 W  
Sections 25 & 36, Twp. 162 N., Rge. 76 W

**Survey Certificate**  
I, Bradley N. Robertson, Registered Land Surveyor, do hereby certify that the plat shown hereon was made by me, or under my direction, from notes made in the field and the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

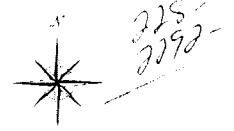
By Bradley N. Robertson, R.L.S. 3199  
**BRADLEY N. ROBERTSON R.L.S. 3199**

This document was originally issued and sealed by Bradley N. Robertson, Registration Number LS 1199 on 04/27/11 and the original document is stored at the Bottineau County Records Office.

*BRN*  
*C. & S. of Bottineau*

**HORIZONTAL CONTROL DATUM USED:**

- WLD 1 CONTROL - ▲ N = 664319.803 E = 1985064.413
- OPUS SOLUTION
- STATE PLANE NAD 83 - 3301 ND NORTH
- INTERNATIONAL FEET



■ IRON MONUMENT - (No. 5 Rebar)

North Central Electric Co-op & Otter Tail Power Co.  
Sec. 30 & 31-162-75 and Sec. 25 & 36-162-76  
Boundary Line Agreement - Bottineau, North Dakota

**Wold Engineering, Inc.**

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## EXHIBIT A-1

This Exhibit A-1 is incorporated by reference into the Service Area Agreement—Bottineau, North Dakota, Area. It describes the agreed upon service area of Otter Tail in Bottineau, North Dakota, and the encroaching services herein referenced in the following Townships of Bottineau County, North Dakota :

Township 162 North, Range 75 West  
Township 162 North, Range 76 West  
Township 161 North, Range 75 West  
Township 161 North, Range 76 West

Otter Tail's service area shall be the area inside the boundary and shown on Exhibit A, described as follows:

Otter Tail's service area is that area located within an outside boundary delineated by a line beginning at the NW¼ corner of Section 30, Township 162 North, Range 75 West (the Point of Beginning), labeled as "A" on Exhibit A, then eastwardly along the north side of said Section 30 to the point labeled "B" on Exhibit A, then in a southerly direction on a line to a point labeled "C" on Exhibit A, then westwardly to a point labeled "D" on Exhibit A, then northerly to a point labeled "E," then eastwardly to a point labeled "F," then southerly to a point labeled "G," then easterly to a point labeled "H," then northerly to a point labeled "I," then eastwardly to a point labeled "J," then northerly to a point labeled "K" on the north section line of Section 25, Township 162 North, Range 76 West, then eastwardly along the north side of said Section 25 to the Point of Beginning.

In addition, the following customers and loads at locations now served by Otter Tail which are identified as encroaching services, as referenced in Sections I.4 and I.7 of the Service Area Agreement:

1. West. In the area to the west of the boundary:

- a. A radio station location known as Sunny 101.9, and
- b. A plumbing shop known as Bottineau Plumbing & Heating;

both of which are just west of the boundary described above and just south of North Dakota Highway 5.

2. North. To the north of the boundary:
  - a. A location just north of Section 30, Township 162 North, Range 75 West, known as Oliver Reing farmstead;
  - b. A location just north of Section 25, Township 162 North, Range 76 West known as Anderson Welding; and
  - c. A location just north of Section 25, Township 162 North, Range 76 West known as Bottineau Oil which has retail gas pumps and bulk fuel delivery service.
  
3. South. To the south of the boundary, two lift stations for the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, as follows:
  - a. One located in Section 1, Township 161 North, Range 76 West, and
  - b. One located in Section 6, Township 161 North, Range 75 West.

## EXHIBIT A-2

This Exhibit A-2 is incorporated by reference into the Service Area Agreement—Bottineau, North Dakota, Area. It describes the agreed upon service area of North Central in the area in and outside of Bottineau, North Dakota, in the following Townships in Bottineau County, North Dakota: Township 162 North, Range 75 West; Township 162 North, Range 76 West; Township 161 North, Range 75 West; and Township 161 North, Range 76 West.

All of the above four townships except:

1. Those portions of Sections 30 and 31 in Township 162 North, Range 75 West, lying inside the boundary described in Exhibit A and labeled "Otter Tail Power Co."
2. Those portions of Sections 25 and 36 in Township 162 North, Range 76 West, lying inside the boundary described and illustrated in Exhibit A and labeled "Otter Tail Power Co."