

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company / North Central Electric
Bottineau Area
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-11-659

**Otter Tail Power Company
Bottineau Area – Bottineau County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

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**NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

November 10, 2011

On October 13, 2011, North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by North Central and Otter Tail within and around the City of Bottineau, North Dakota. Applicants further request Otter Tail be issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to extend service to locations within the Otter Tail service area set forth in the agreement.

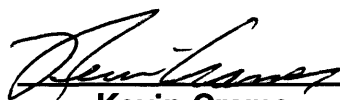
The issues to be considered in this proceeding are whether the Service Area Agreement complies with section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, and whether the approval of the Service Area Agreement and resulting certificate issuance are compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by December 16, 2011.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **December 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. CST** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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