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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary and Director of Administration
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 15, 2012

**Re: North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. v. Otter Tail Power Company
Case No. PU-11-701**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

This letter is to inform the North Dakota Public Service Commission that the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is aware of the proceedings in the above referenced matter regarding the supply of electric service to the Sky Dancer Casino. To address any doubt that may have been raised by North Central Electric Cooperative in its filings, the Tribe confirms that it is exercising its inherent sovereignty to determine which utility will provide electric service to the Sky Dancer Casino pursuant to the legal precedent set forth in Devils Lake Sioux Indian Tribe v. North Dakota Public Service Comm'n, 896 F.Supp. 955 (D.N.D. 1995).

Please contact our Tribal Attorney, Rjay Brunkow at (701) 550-5596 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Merle St. Claire,
Chairman