

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Co. / Cass County Electric Coop  
Cass and Richland Counties  
Service Area Agreement**

**Case No. PU-12-696**

**Otter Tail Power Company  
Cass and Richland Cntys - Service Area Agreement  
Public Convenience & Necessity**

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

**September 12, 2012**

On August 29, 2012, Otter Tail Power Company and Cass County Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by Otter Tail and Cass Electric within and around the Cities of Abercrombie, Amenia, Christine, Walcott, Davenport, and Mapleton in Cass and Richland Counties of North Dakota. Otter Tail further requests issuance of 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 are whether the 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 October 26, 2012.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **October 10, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. CDT** 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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