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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

RE: In the Matter of Notifying the Commission of Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruptions - Annual Summary for 2012


Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed in the above-referenced matter are an original and seven (7) copies of Otter Tail Power Company's Annual Summary of North Dakota Major Service Interruptions for the 2012 calendar year.

An electronic copy of this Summary is also being sent to you at dnitschk@nd.gov and to the North Dakota Public Service Commission at ndpsc@nd.gov.

If you have any questions, regarding this filing, please contact me at 218-739-8395 or at jfyhrie@otpco.com.

Sincerely,


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Major service interruptions annual summary for 2012

**Otter Tail Power Company
Annual Service Outage Report
For the year 2012**

Background

In August 2005, Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”) agreed to provide the North Dakota Public Service Commission with outage information that entailed outages within North Dakota affecting 500 or more customers for an hour or more. This procedure is in place for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and has also been adopted by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Annual Summary – 2012

In 2012, there was one outage that met the reporting criteria described above.

July 20, 2012 --- Jamestown Customer Service Center. On July 20, 2012 a downed line on the south feeder, served from the Jamestown Peaking Plant Substation, caused a one hour and three minute outage affecting approximately 1,008 of Otter Tail’s North Dakota customers.