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# MOTION

**July 10, 2013**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.**
**345 kV Transmission Line – Ellendale to SD Border**
**Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-13-272**

**Otter Tail Power Company**
**345 kV Transmission Line – Ellendale to SD Border**
**Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-13-273**

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04, Montana Dakota Utilities Co., 345 kV Transmission Line – Ellendale to SD Border, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-13-272 with Otter Tail Power Company, 345 kV Transmission Line – Ellendale to SD Border, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-13-273 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing.

I further move the Commission assess a filing fee of $10,000 in each case.

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