



March 9, 2017

Darrell Nitschke
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. / Otter Tail Power Company 345KV Transmission Line
- Dickey County Siting Application
Case No. PU-13-840**

**NOTICE TO WITHDRAW, AS INAPPLICABLE, APPLICATION FOR TRADE
SECRET PROTECTION AND EXHIBIT N FROM SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
FILING OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF
CORRIDOR COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE PERMIT**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Applicants) hereby submit an original and seven (7) copies of this Notice to Withdraw seeking to withdraw as inapplicable Exhibit N from the September 27, 2016, filing of Supporting Documents for the Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.

The grounds for seeking to withdraw Exhibit N as inapplicable are that (a) there are no cultural resources in North Dakota and (b) North Dakota is not a party to the Memorandum of Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MOA/MOU). Withdrawal of Exhibit N will also eliminate the need for Trade Secret Protection of the Exhibit once withdrawn.

Exhibit N from the September 27, 2016, filing of Supporting Documents for the Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit is the Executed MOA/MOU (contains a revised Unanticipated Discovery Plan) [filed in a Confidential envelope]. For clarity, the Applicants are not requesting that Exhibit M, a North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office email declining to sign the MOA / MOU, be withdrawn.

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An electronic copy of this filing 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 218-739-8607 or pbeithon@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ PETE BEITHON

Pete Beithon
Manager, Regulatory Recovery
Otter Tail Power Company

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By electronic filing and U.S. mail

cc: Dickey County Auditor's Office
c/o Bev Kuska
209 North 2nd Street
Ellendale, ND 58436

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

**RE: In the Matter of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. / Otter Tail Power Company
345KV Transmission Line - Dickey County Siting Application
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I, Lindsay Hauer, hereby certify that I have this day served an original and seven (7) copies of this Notice to Withdraw on Darrell Nitschke and one copy on Bev Kuska (Dickey County Auditor's Office), by electronic service and by First Class Mail.

**Otter Tail Power Company
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COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE PERMIT**

Dated this **9th** day of **March, 2017**.

/s/ LINDSAY HAUER

Lindsay Hauer, Regulatory Filing Coordinator
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