



North Dakota State Water Commission

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Randy Christmann
ND Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Christmann:

This is in response to your request for a review of the environmental impacts associated with the Case No. PU-13-840, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co./Otter Tail Power Company, 345 kV Transmission Line located in Dickey County, ND.

The proposed project has been reviewed by State Water Commission staff, and the following comments are provided:

- No permits are required relative to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) based on the current effective FIRM and state minimum standards.
- Initial review indicates the project does not require a conditional or temporary permit for water appropriation. However, if surface water or groundwater will be diverted for construction of the project, a water permit will be required per North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) § 61-04-02. Please consult with the Water Appropriations Division of the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) if you have any questions regarding this comment at 701-328-2754 or waterpermits@nd.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide review comments. If you have any questions, please call me at 701-328-4967.

Sincerely,

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Comments

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