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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 2013

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 2013 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@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

/S/ JESSICA FYHRIE
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State Regulatory Compliance Specialist

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By electronic filing and First Class mail

**Otter Tail Power Company
Annual Service Outage Report
For the year 2013**

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.

Annual Summary – 2013

In 2013, there were four outages that met the reporting criteria described above. Each is described below.

June 21, 2013 --- Jamestown Customer Service Center. A storm rolled through the area causing a tree to fall into the primary affecting the Jamestown downtown SE Circuit, causing a two hour and forty-four minute outage affecting approximately 1,423 of Otter Tail’s North Dakota customers.

July 20, 2013 --- Jamestown Customer Service Center. The NE Switch Station West Feeder and the NE Circuit out of Jamestown Downtown Sub experienced an extended outage when a switch failed just east of the Civic Center. Approximately 1600 customers were out of power from about 12:24 until 1:49. As of 1:49 we had approximately 1260 customers’ power restored and the remaining 340 customers’ power was restored at approximately 2:52pm.

September, 26 2013 --- Jamestown Customer Service Center. A squirrel got hung up in our power line causing an outage in the NW area of Jamestown. The squirrel was lying on the line, on top of a pole, making it difficult to discover. The outage affected 4,124 customers initially. We were able to get approximately 500 customers back on within 30 minutes and the remaining customers back on in just under an hour. The outage started at 9:07am and ended at 10:06am.

November 6, 2013 --- Jamestown Customer Service Center. On Wednesday November 6, 2013, Otter Tail experienced an outage on the NW breaker from the Jamestown DT sub starting at 10:32 am affecting approximately 800 customers. Upon investigation, the blue phase on the 2-phase (red & blue) riser pole had blown at a customer location. After the blue fuse had blown, the circuit still would not hold and yellow phase targets indicated that yellow tripped the breaker. Yet after the red fuse was removed from the red phase, the breaker held. All customers' service was restored at 1:07pm. Total outage time was 2 hours, 35 minutes.