

**I.
COMMUNICATIONS**

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**II.
DESCRIPTION OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

The NDPSC is a three-member body created by the Constitution of the State of North Dakota and statutorily charged with the duty to regulate electric public utility services, rates and charges in North Dakota. In addition, the NDPSC has authority for the siting of generation and transmission resources in North Dakota. The NDPSC is empowered to participate in federal administrative proceedings affecting utility rates or services in North Dakota. The NDPSC is a "State Commission" as defined in 18 C.F.R. §1.101(k).

**III.
COMMENTS**

The NDPSC supports Montana-Dakota's proposal that WAPA and Basin's use of Montana-Dakota's transmission system should be appropriately accounted for either through credits for Network Customer owned transmission facilities pursuant to Section 30.9 of SPP's Tariff or some similar crediting mechanism. Such credits would offset any charges imposed on Montana-Dakota for SPP transmission service as well as MISO charges WAPA and Basin would otherwise incur for use of Montana-Dakota facilities

without requiring that such facilities should be treated as SPP transmission facilities subject to SPP's operational control.

The NDPSC also supports Otter Tail's request for clarification that Otter Tail will not be assessed any charges for load that is served by facilities on the integrated transmission system between Central Power Electric Cooperative (a member cooperative of Basin Electric).

**IV.
CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the NDPSC respectfully requests that the Commission consider these comments supporting the Comments submitted by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Randy Christmann
Commissioner



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