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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 2014

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 2014 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,

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State Regulatory Compliance Specialist

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**Otter Tail Power Company
Annual Service Outage Report
For the year 2014**

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 – 2014

In 2014, there was one outage that met the reporting criteria described above. It is described below.

June 23, 2014 --- Jamestown Customer Service Center. At approximately 7:58pm on June 23rd, Otter tail experienced a fault on the NW Circuit of the Jamestown downtown substation. Otter Tail personnel discovered a blown arrestor, repaired it and attempted to close the breaker. It did not hold. They then opened some cut outs and were able to pick up about 100 customer, after the first hour. The outage crew continued to patrol the lines and was unable to find the fault. They tried closing the breaker twice more, the breaker still wasn’t holding. On the third attempt, at about 12:08am, the breaker finally held. At the time Otter Tail was uncertain what caused the problem. Further analysis determined the cold load pickup current exceeded the minimum trip level setting in the breaker. This caused the breaker to trip upon the reclose attempts. Relay settings were adjusted to accommodate the cold load pickup current. This circuit has been performing as expected since the adjustments were made. There are approximately 800 customers on the Jamestown NW circuit. The total time of the outage was 4 hours and 10 minutes.