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Darrel Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol - Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, NO 58505-0480

**RE: Application for Permanent Authority (CPCN) to North Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC, near Spiritwood, North Dakota
Case No. PU-17-_____**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Otter Tail Power Company respectfully submits an original and 7 copies of an Application for Permanent Authority to extend electric service to North Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC at a point located in the NE-1/4 of Section 28, Township 140N, Range 77W, Stutsman County, North Dakota. This location is in the Spiritwood Energy Park, which is located several miles to the east of Jamestown, North Dakota.

Please send all correspondence in reference to this matter to my attention at 215 S. Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496.

Sincerely,

/s/CARY STEPHENSON
Cary Stephenson
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: Northern Plains Electric Cooperative – Bruce Garber
Scott Austin
Mark Helland
Jeremy Rham
Steve Schoeneck

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application)
of Otter Tail Power Company,)
for an Order and Certificate to) Case No. PU 17-_____
Extend Service to North Dakota Soybean)
Processors, LLC, near Spiritwood, North Dakota)

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY TO SERVE

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or the Company), for its Application to the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, respectfully alleges:

I.

The full name of Applicant is Otter Tail Power Company and the post office address of its principal office is 215 South Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537. Applicant is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of and regulation by the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, under Title 49, N.D.C.C., as amended. Otter Tail's Certificate of Incorporation is as well as its Annual Report are on file with the Commission, having been filed in Case. No. PU-08-292, and are incorporated herein by reference and the Commission is requested to take official notice of the same.

II.

This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C., as amended, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure promulgated by the Commission.

III.

North Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC (Customer) has requested Otter Tail to provide electric service to it at a point located in the NE-1/4 of Section 28, Township 140N, Range 77W, Stutsman County, North Dakota as shown on the attached map marked Exhibit A, and made a part this Application by reference. The location to be served is in the area generally known as the Spiritwood Energy Park. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Scott Austin
121 Zeh Ave
Brewster, MN 56119

VI.

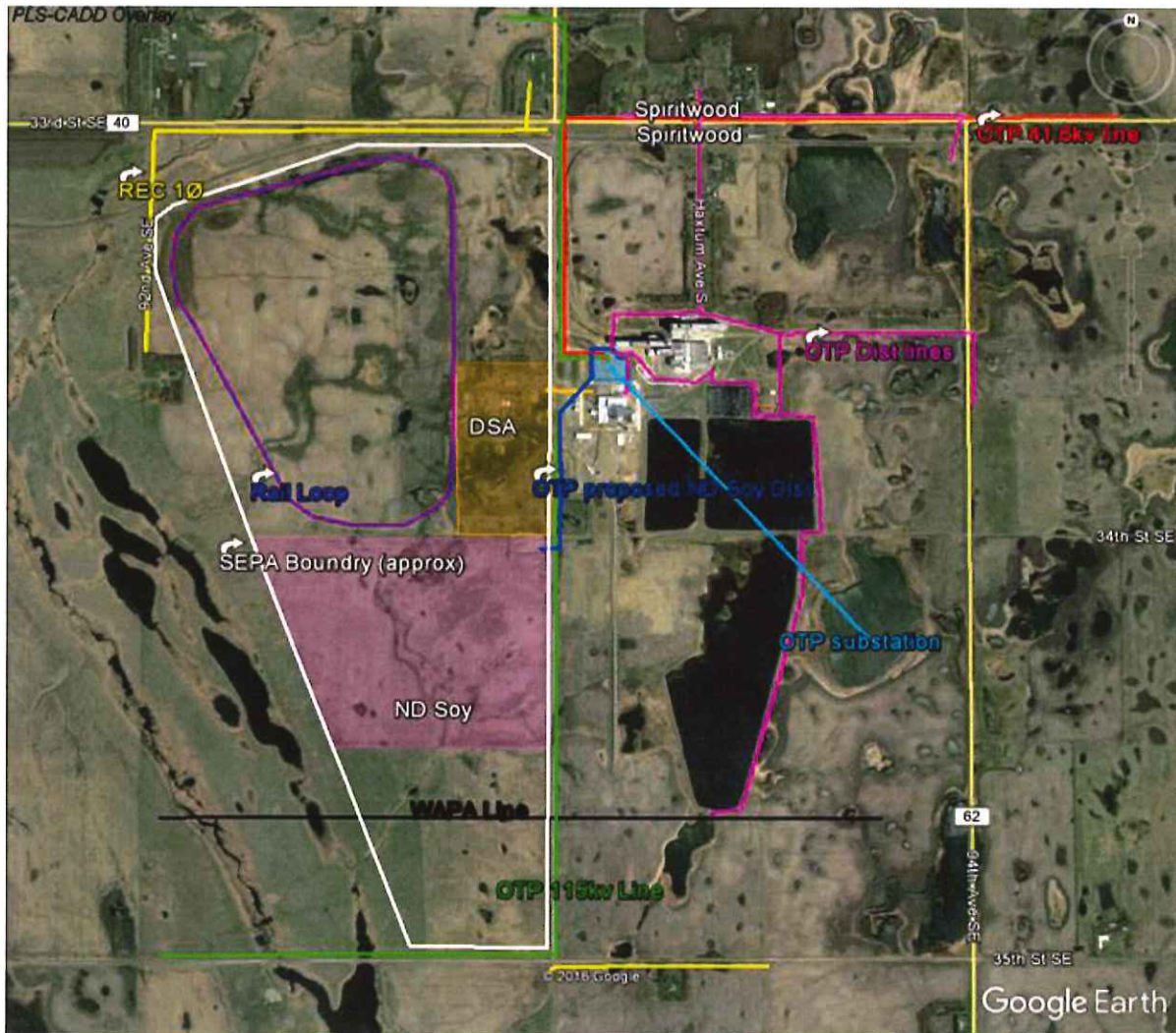
The service required by Customer at the location to be served is three phase service, and the length of the three phase line extension to the customer's property line will be approximately 3,900 feet, as shown by Exhibit A. Northern Plains Electric Cooperative is an electric supplier also providing electric service within the general area of this Customer. Otter Tail's extension of its three phase power line will extend to the site from Otter Tail's existing substation identified in blue on Exhibit A. Otter Tail's existing substation currently serves industrial customers and has the existing capacity to serve the Customer. Otter Tail will follow the existing 115 kilovolt transmission line to the site and is identified in red on Exhibit A. The line is adjacent to the Customer's site. Northern Plains Electric Cooperative was notified of the Otter Tail's request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by personal contact and by a copy of this Application. The location of the proposed service is within Otter Tail's economic service area, and service will be extended under the provisions of the rules and regulations applicable thereto. Otter Tail is obligated to furnish the requested service, and the public convenience and necessity requires, and will be served by Otter Tail furnishing the requested service to the Customer at said location.

V.

Attached as Exhibit B to this Application is Customer's Appearance stating to the Commission that the Customer desires electric service from Otter Tail as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission. Customer also waives Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Hearing upon this Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service.

VI.

Otter Tail's extension of service to the Customer will not cross any railway tracks.



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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

North Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC, (“Customer”), through the undersigned Scott Austin, hereby makes a voluntary appearance in this matter and states the following to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. That Customer desires electric service from Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”) as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, the Commission, and has requested Otter Tail to provide Customer with electric service at the following location(s):

a point located in the NE-1/4 of Section 28, Township 140N, Range 77W, Stutsman County, North Dakota as shown on the map attached as Exhibit A to Otter Tail’s Application for Permanent Authority to Serve. The location to be served is in the area generally known as the Spiritwood Energy Park.
2. That Customer is in need of electric service at the above-referenced location for the purpose of construction and operation of a soybean processing facility.
3. That Customer waives notice of opportunity for hearing and notice of hearing upon said Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed electric service, and that provisions be made therein authorizing extension of electric service.
4. That all the allegations of the Application herein are true and correct.

