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Executive Secretary
ND Public Service Commission
State Capitol – Department 408
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**RE: Otter Tail Power Company's Application for Astoria Natural Gas Project.
Case No. PU-17-
Initial Filing**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Otter Tail Power Company respectfully submits the enclosed Application for Advance Determination of Prudence.

The Company's Application and supporting testimony contain trade secret information. In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, an Application for Trade Secret Protection is being provided along with a single copy of the trade secret version of the Application and supporting testimony in a sealed envelope marked **PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE**.

An original and seven copies of the public version of the Company's Application are also provided, along with the following:

- Direct testimony of Company witnesses Bradley E. Tollerson, Brian Draxten, Randy Synsteliën, and William Swanson.
- Verifications for the testimony.

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Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the filing fee. Please feel free to contact me at (218) 739-8956 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Cary Stephenson
Cary Stephenson
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures