

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
Advance Prudence – Astoria Project  
Application

Case No. PU-17-140

Otter Tail Power Company  
Advance Prudence – Merricourt Project  
Application

Case No. PU-17-141

Otter Tail Power Company  
150 MW – Merricourt Project  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-17-143

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **3rd day of July, 2017**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Consolidated Hearing**

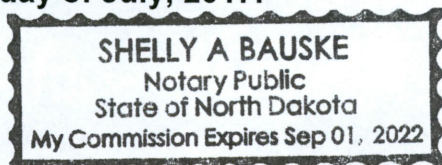
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Cary Stephenson  
Associate General Counsel  
Otter Tail Power Company  
215 S. Cascade Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
**Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6993 9072**

Mark Bring  
Director of Legislative Affairs & Associate  
General Counsel  
Otter Tail Power Company  
215 S Cascade Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
**Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6993 9096**

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **3rd day of July, 2017**.



*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*

*Shelly A Bauske*  
Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING**

**June 30, 2017**

A consolidated **Public Hearing** on the captioned cases is scheduled to begin **October 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505.

On April 10, 2017, Otter Tail States Power Company (OTP) filed applications for an Advanced Determination of Prudence for the proposed Astoria Project resource addition, Case No. PU-17-140, and Merricourt resource addition, Case No. PU-17-141. The issues to be determined in Case No. PU-17-140 & Case No. PU-17-141 are whether the proposed resource additions are prudent.

Also on April 10, 2017, OTP filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the 150 MW Merricourt Wind Farm Project (Merricourt) proposed in McIntosh and Dickey Counties, North Dakota, Case No. PU-17-143. The issues to be determined in Case No. PU-17-143 are:

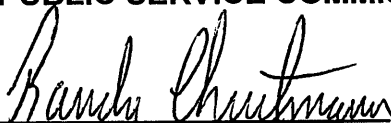
1. Whether public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction and operation of the public utility plant or system.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission, at least 24 hours in advance.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Brian Kroshus  
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