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Public Service Commission
 Attention: Darrell Nitschke
 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 480
 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

In re: Otter Tail Power Company
 Advance Prudence - Astoria Project
Application
 PU-17-140

Otter Tail Power Company
 Advance Prudence - Merricourt Project
Application
 PU-17-141

Otter Tail Power Company
 150 MW – Merricourt Project
 Public Convenience & Necessity
 PU-17-143

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Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matters please find the original and seven copies of the following **Public Documents**:

1. *Advocacy Staff's Application for Trade Secret Protection for James A. Heidell's Testimony;*
2. Direct Testimony of James A. Heidell (Public Version);
3. Exhibit JAH-1;
4. Exhibit JAH-2 (Public Version);
5. Exhibit JAH-3 (Public Version);

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6. Verification; and
7. Affidavit of Service.

We are also enclosing one copy of the following documents in a sealed envelope labeled "**PROTECTED INFORMATION/TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE**" the following documents:

1. Direct Testimony of James A. Heidell. (Non-Public Version); and
2. Exhibit JAH-2 (Non-Public Version); and
3. Exhibit JAH-3 (Non-Public Version).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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Special Assistant Attorney General for
Public Service Commission

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enclosures

cc: ALJ Patrick J. Ward (w/ public documents only; via U.S. Mail)
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