

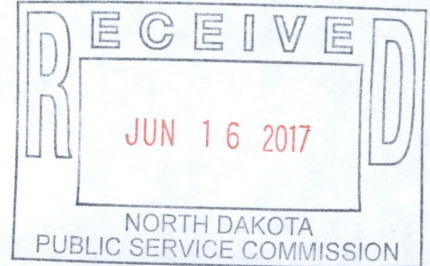


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June 15, 2017



Public Service Commission
Attention: Darrell Nitschke
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In re: 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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing is the Advocacy Staff's Reply to OTP's Response in Support of Its Application for Trade Secret Protection with regard to the above-referenced case.

Respectfully,

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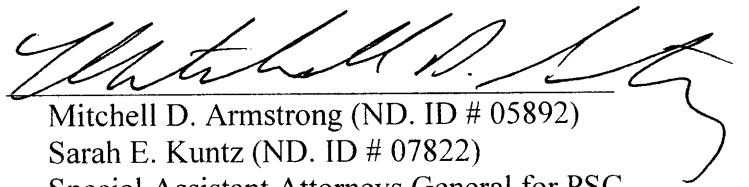
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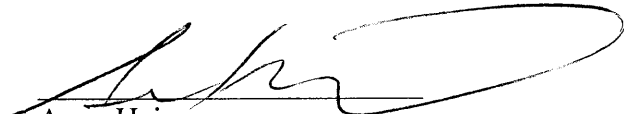
In light of OTP's *Response to Advocacy Staff Objection to portion of Otter Tail's Trade Secret Application*, Advocacy Staff no longer objects to the application for trade secret protection for the estimated total capital cost of the project. If the information becomes public as a result of separate proceedings related to the project, Advocacy Staff reserves the ability to address trade secret status at that time.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2017.

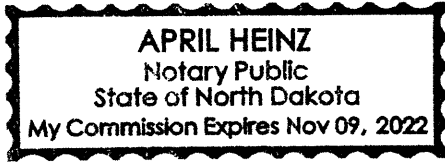
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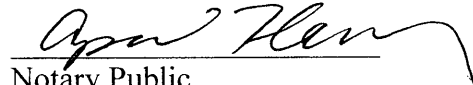


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