

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

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

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- **Notice of Consolidated Hearing**

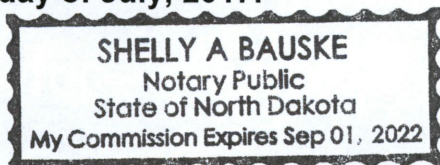
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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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, 12th 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:

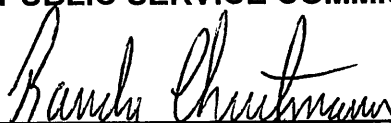
1. Whether public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction and operation of the public utility plant or system.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

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