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April 15, 2019



Steve Kahl  
Director of Administration/Executive  
Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Otter Tail Power Company's Application for Merricourt Wind Project.  
Case No. PU-17-141  
Quarterly Report - Compliance Filing**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On November 3, 2017 the North Dakota Public Service Commission issued an Order on Settlement in the above-described case. The Settlement Agreement directs Otter Tail Power Company to "provide the Commission quarterly construction progress reports on the Merricourt Project until the project is in service."

This filing is Otter Tail Power Company's quarterly report for the quarter ending March 31, 2019. This report has been electronically filed. Enclosed you will find an original and seven (7) copies.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (218) 739-8550, ext. 732 or at [hmcMahon@otpco.com](mailto:hmcMahon@otpco.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey McMahon", with a long, sweeping underline.

Harvey McMahon  
Manager, Renewable Energy Construction and Operation

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Enclosures  
By electronic filing and US mail

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Otter Tail Power Merricourt Project, Quarterly Progress Report - 1 Jan. through 31 March 2019  
Otter Tail Power Company

**MERRICOURT WIND DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION  
PROGRESS REPORT**

**TO THE**

**NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FOR THE**

**PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019**

**April 15, 2019**

## **Merricourt Wind Project Quarterly Construction Progress Report**

As of the end of the first quarter of 2019 there has been no physical construction on the Merricourt wind farm site, which is consistent with the project schedule. The Asset Purchase Agreement between EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. (EDF), several of its affiliates, and Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) is currently expected to close near the end of the second quarter of 2019, contingent upon satisfaction of various closing conditions. Anticipated interconnection costs are expected to be in-line with OTP's original expectations. Total project costs incurred by OTP through March 31, 2019 are in-line with projections.

EDF received the amended Merricourt site certificate in November of 2017. EDF has all project easements updated and signed. EDF has sent out Requests for Quotes on the Balance of Plant contract and for long-lead time items, and has commenced negotiations on one or more such long-lead time items. In December 2016, EDF purchased the 5% safe harbor turbines necessary to avail the Merricourt Project of the 100% Production Tax Credit and these turbines are being stored in Colorado at a Vestas facility. OTP anticipates a construction completion date in 2020, with the in-service date allowing OTP to avail itself of 100% PTCs.