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**RE: Otter Tail Power Company’s Application for Merricourt Wind Project.
Case No. PU-17-
Initial Filing**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Otter Tail Power Company respectfully submits the enclosed Application for Advance Determination of Prudence and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

The Company’s Application and supporting testimony contain trade secret information. In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, an Application for Trade Secret Protection is being provided along with a single copy of the trade secret version of the Application and supporting testimony in a sealed envelope marked **PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE**.

An original and seven copies of the public version of the Company’s Application are also provided, along with the following:

- Direct testimony of Company witnesses Bradley E. Tollerson, Brian Draxten, Randy Synstelien, and Harvey McMahon.
- Verifications for the testimony.

- 1 PU-17-143 Filed 04/10/2017 Pages: 91
Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - redacted
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- 2 PU-17-141 Filed 04/10/2017 Pages: 91
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Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the filing fee. Please feel free to contact me at (218) 739-8956 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Cary Stephenson
Cary Stephenson
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures