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January 15, 2020

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 and PU-17-143
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 December 31, 2019. This report has been electronically filed.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (218) 739-8550, ext. 732 or at hcmahon@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ *HARVEY MCMAHON*

Harvey McMahon
Manager, Renewable Energy Construction and Operation

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Enclosures

By electronic filing and US mail

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**MERRICOURT WIND DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS REPORT**

TO THE

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FOR THE

PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

January 15, 2020

Merricourt Project Quarterly Construction Progress Report

Pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) between EDF Renewables Development, Inc. (f/k/a EDF Renewable Development, Inc.) (hereinafter EDF), several of its affiliates, and Otter Tail Power Company (OTP), the purchase of substantially all of the development assets and assumed certain specified liabilities related to the Merricourt Project closed on July 16, 2019. Under the Turnkey Engineering, Procurement and Construction Services Agreement between an EDF affiliate and OTP, notice to proceed was deemed given by OTP to the EDF affiliate upon closing of the APA.

Civil construction started on August 8, 2019. As of the end of the fourth quarter, 73% of the roads have been completed, 50 foundations have been excavated, and 50 foundations have been poured.

The Sub-station Transformer has been set and the Collector Sub-station construction is 40% complete.

All the collection system cable have been delivered.

Turbine component delivery is scheduled to begin in June of 2020.

Interconnection costs are consistent with OTP's original expectations. Total project costs incurred by OTP through December 31, 2019 are consistent with projections.