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Darrell Nitschke
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

**RE: In the Matter of Notifying the Commission of Otter Tail Power Company's
Major Service Interruptions - Annual Summary for 2016
Case No. PU-17-**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed in the above-referenced matter are an original and seven (7) copies of Otter Tail Power Company's Annual Summary of North Dakota Major Service Interruptions for the 2016 calendar year.

An electronic copy of this Summary is also being sent to you at dnitschk@nd.gov and to the North Dakota Public Service Commission at ndpsc@nd.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 218-739-8699 or at wolson@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ WENDI A. OLSON
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State Regulatory Compliance Specialist

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By electronic filing and First Class mail

**Otter Tail Power Company
Major Service Interruptions – Annual Summary
(Outage Report)
For the year 2016**

Background

In August 2005, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) agreed to provide the North Dakota Public Service Commission with outage information that entailed outages within North Dakota (ND) affecting 500 or more customers for an hour or more.

Annual Summary – 2016

In 2016, there were nine (9) outages that met the reporting criteria described above. Each outage is described below.

June 17, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

Carrington ND customers were without power for 2 hours and 30 minutes on June 17, 2016. The power went out at approximately 6:16 a.m. and was restored around 8:45 a.m. affecting approximately 1190 customers. The outage was due to a strong storm that moved through the area with 80 mph winds that caused extensive tree damage through our territory causing damage to our system.

July 11, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

The Jamestown NW Circuit feeder experienced interruptions for a total of 4 hours and 39 minutes on July 11, 2016. The outage was caused by a storm that moved through the area with 60 mph winds. Otter Tail had approximately 1151 Jamestown customers that were without service starting at 12:06 a.m. Power was restored at 4:45 a.m.

July 18, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

The Jamestown SW Circuit experienced interruptions for 1 hour and 25 minutes on July 18, 2016. The outage was caused by an underground fault on a 750 MCM Cable Circuit. Otter Tail had approximately 672 customers without power starting at 3:52 a.m. Power was restored at approximately 5:17 a.m.

August 18, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

The Jamestown Downtown substation NW Circuit experienced an outage on August 18, 2016 for 4 hours and 18 minutes. The outage was due to a strong storm that moved through the area with reports of 75 mph winds. Otter Tail had approximately 863 Jamestown customers without service from 7:01 a.m. until 11:19 a.m.

August 18, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

The New Rockford & Sheyenne communities experienced an outage on August 18, 2016 for 4 hours and 36 minutes. The outage was due to a strong storm that moved through the area with reports of 75 mph winds. Otter Tail had approximately 1074 customers without service from 5:24 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

September 3, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

The South Circuit out of the Peaking Plant experienced a 1 hour and 12 minute outage on September 3, 2016. The outage was due to a storm that rolled through the area causing a tree to fall on the line. Otter Tail had approximately 1007 Jamestown customers without service from about 9:33 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

December 3, 2016 – Garrison Customer Service Center

The communities of Makoti, Plaza and Parshall, ND experienced an outage on December 3, 2016. This outage affected 820 customers for approximately 1 hour. The power was out from 7:00 a.m. until approximately 8:00 a.m. This scheduled interruption was necessary to make critical repairs to continue reliable service to these communities.

December 6, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

The Main breaker of Substation #7533 experienced a 1 hour and 15 minute outage on December 6, 2016. The outage was due to a winter storm with extreme winds that caused phases to gallop together. Otter Tail had approximately 571 Gwinner customers without service from about 8:24 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

December 26, 2016 – Jamestown Customer Service Center

Various communities including Gackel, Dazey, Sanborn, Berlin, Dickey, Grand Rapids, Lamoure, Litchville, Marion and Vernoia were without power early in the morning on December 26, 2016.

This interruption affected over 1315 customers for several hours throughout the day depending upon their location. The primary cause for this major interruption was a winter storm that rolled through the area with significant snow, ice, and wind. Road conditions greatly affected restoration efforts. By 10:51 p.m. all customer issues had been addressed and Otter Tail's crews went home for the evening.