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**RE: Application for Authority to Increase Electric Rates in North Dakota
Case No. PU-17-398
OAH File No. 20170622
Motion to Adopt Scheduling Order**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On February 27, 2018, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Order establishing dates for public input sessions, the deadline for intervention, and the formal hearing on Otter Tail Power Company's (OTP) Application in Case No. 17-398.

Commission Advocacy Staff, Otter Tail Power Company, and intervenors Wal-Mart and MLEC have agreed upon testimony filing dates set within the above-referenced dates set by the Commission. Attached to this letter is a scheduling stipulation with signature pages from Commission Advocacy Staff, OTP, Wal-Mart, and MLEC. OTP requests that the stipulation be made of record and the subject of a scheduling order issued by the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this docket. This request is made pursuant to ND. Admin. Code Section 69-02-03-03 and 98-02-02-09.

An original and ten copies of this filing are being sent via mail. Please contact me at (218) 739-8956, or cstephenson@otpc.com should you have any questions with respect to this filing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cary Stephenson".

Cary Stephenson
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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail
Power Company for Authority to Increase
Rates for Electric Service in North Dakota

Case No. PU-17- 398

OAH FILE - 20170622

STIPULATION FOR SCHEDULING ORDER

On November 2, 2017 Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed its Application for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in North Dakota. On February 27, 2018, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued Notice of Public Input Sessions and Public Hearing.


The undersigned parties, having conferred about appropriate filings dates, agree upon and stipulate to the following schedule of proceeding incorporating the Commission’s Notice dated February 27, 2018:

EVENT/FILING	DATE DUE
Otter Tail’s Supplemental Direct Testimony	March 23, 2018
Public Input Sessions (As stated in the Commission’s Notice of Public Input Sessions and Public Hearing, dated February 27, 2018)	April 3 & 5, 2018
Intervention Deadline (As stated in the Commission’s Notice of Public Input Sessions and Public Hearing, dated February 27, 2018)	April 20, 2018
Commission Advocacy Staff & Intervenor Pre-Filed Direct Testimony	May 18, 2018
Rebuttal Testimony	June 22, 2018
Surrebuttal Testimony	July 3, 2018
Formal Hearing (As stated in the Commission’s Notice of Public Input Sessions and Public Hearing, issued February 27, 2018)	July 11, 12, 13

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Case No. PU-17-398

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company's Application for Authority
To Increase Rates for Electric Service
In North Dakota

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Kim A. Ward certifies that on the 13th day of March, 2018, she served a true and correct copy of the attached MOTION TO ADOPT SCHEDULING ORDER by email addressed to the following individuals:

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