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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 2017
Case No. PU-18-**

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 2017 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/ WENDIA 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 2017**

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 one hour or more.

Annual Summary – 2017

In 2017, there were five (5) outages that met the reporting criteria described above or were considered significant enough to be reported. Each outage is described below.

January 14, 2017 – Garrison Customer Service Center

Approximately 1000 customers in the Garrison ND service area were affected by a planned outage Saturday morning, January 14, 2017. The outage was approximately two hours long from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the planned outage was to do substation repairs to replace all three high side cutouts to improve the quality of service to this community.

September 12, 2017 – Jamestown Customer Service Area

Several communities in the Jamestown Customer Service Area were without power starting at 12:22 p.m. on September 12, 2017. The cause of the outage was to switch out lines to make emergency repairs on the 41.6 kV line that was tore down by a dump truck earlier in the day on Hwy 281. Communities affected and outage details are as follows:

- Gackle Rural, Streeter, Medina, Cleveland, Eldridge, & Windsor – 586 Customers
(Restored at approximately 3:00 p.m.)
- Millarton & Montpelier – 83 Customers
(Restored at approximately 1:40 p.m.)
- Jamestown NW area of town – 1, 151 customers
(Power restored to most of these customers at 2:05 p.m.)

September 21, 2017 – Devils Lake Customer Service Area

On September 21, 2017 customers in Devils Lake, ND experienced an outage for approximately one hour. There were 2780 customers affected starting at 6:30 p.m. and the restoration time was 7:30 p.m. The cause of this outage was a bad terminator in the substation.

October 15, 2017 – Jamestown Customer Service Area

In Cooperstown, ND a planned outage affected 710 customers starting at 6:30 a.m. on October 15, 2017. The power was restored at 8:30 a.m. The two-hour outage was caused by repairs needed in the Cooperstown substation to replace arresters.

October 19, 2017 – Garrison Customer Service Area

There were approximately 890 customers in Garrison, ND affected by a six-hour planned outage on October 19, 2017. The outage started at 8:00 a.m. and power was restored at approximately 2:00 p.m. The cause of the outage was to transfer transmission service to a new substation for the community of Garrison. Due to the fact that our crews were dealing with extremely high voltage, this work required daylight conditions and was not able to be scheduled in the overnight hours.