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**Re: Joint Application of EDF and OTP for the Transfer of Second Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 23
Case No. PU-19-144**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On May 3, EDF Renewables Development, Inc. (“EDF”) and Otter Tail Power Company (“OTP”) filed a joint application to transfer the Second Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 23 for the Merricourt Wind Project from EDF to OTP. In section IV, paragraph 2 of the joint application, we noted that timing of the Commission’s transfer could impact the transaction’s anticipated closing in late Q2 or early Q3 of 2019 and requested expedited treatment.

A project of this magnitude has a significant number of moving parts, including a host of commercial and regulatory aspects. The parties are now hoping to close on OTP’s purchase of the Project development early in Q3 of 2019, such that EDF can commence construction shortly thereafter.

We understand the application is currently expected to be on the Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting on May 29. If the joint application is deemed complete and the Commission then issues (and thereafter publishes) a notice of opportunity for hearing, expiration of the twenty-day notice period would occur just after the Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting on June 26, likely postponing a decision on this joint application until the Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting on July 10.

Consequently, we would respectfully request the Commission consider holding a special meeting next week, such that the notice of opportunity for hearing could be published earlier and the Commission could act at its June 26 meeting (assuming no requests for a hearing are made with a showing of good cause). Alternatively, if the Commission is unable to take up the joint application earlier than May 29, we respectfully request that a special meeting be scheduled on June 28 or July 1, following expiration of the notice period.

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We sincerely appreciate the Commission's willingness to consider this request in order to accommodate quickly approaching closing and construction deadlines for this Project.

Sincerely,

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