

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota
Utilities Co. 345kV Transmission Line-Jamestown
to Ellendale Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-24-91

MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

Pursuant to Rule 3(A) of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules, the Intervenors (“Petitioners”) respectfully move the Commission for an Order admitting Douglas J. Nill, of the firm Douglas J. Nill, PLLC, d/b/a FarmLaw, 1850 Fifth Street Towers, 150 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, to appear pro hac vice for the limited purpose of representing Petitioners in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this Motion, the undersigned states the following:

1. Douglas J. Nill is an attorney in good standing and an active member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court (since 2004), the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota (since 1991), and the State of Minnesota (since 1988). Mr. Nill seeks admission pro hac vice to represent the Petitioners in this matter before the Commission.
2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is the Affidavit of Douglas J. Nill In

Support Of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, attesting to his qualifications, professional standing, and compliance with the requirements of Rule 3.

3. Also, hereto as Exhibit 2 is a Certificate of Good Standing from the Minnesota Office of Lawyer Registration.

4. A copy of this Motion, including the Affidavit and Certificate of Good Standing, has been transmitted to the State Board of Law Examiners as required by Rule 3(1)(3).

WHEREFORE, the undersigned requests that the Commission enter an Order admitting Douglas J. Nill pro hac vice for the special and limited purpose of participating in this proceeding on behalf of the Petitioners.

Dated: May 21, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT 1

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AFFIDAVIT OF DOUGLAS J. NILL
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION

I, Douglas J. Nill, being duly sworn, depose and state the following is true and correct based upon my personal knowledge:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Douglas J. Nill, PLLC, d/b/a FarmLaw, 1850 Fifth Street Towers, 150 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402. I received my J.D. from Hamline University School of Law in 1988.

2. I am an active member in good standing of the bar of the United States Supreme Court (since 2004), the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota (since 1991), and the State of Minnesota (since 1988). I respectfully request that this Court admit me pro hac vice, pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules, to represent the Intervenors/Petitioners in this matter before the Court.

3. I am not presently subject to a disciplinary proceeding in any

jurisdiction.

4. I am not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction.

5. I am not presently, nor have I ever been, suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction. I received a private admonition from the Board of Professional Responsibility in the State of Minnesota in the mid-1990s, for contacting a university psychiatrist when I reasonably should have known the psychiatrist was represented by university counsel.

6. I have not practiced in any action in North Dakota during the past three years. I appeared pro hac vice with local counsel in a personal injury case in Rugby in 2000. I argued an appeal before the North Dakota Supreme Court in *Sollin v. Wangler*, 2001 ND 96, 627 N.W.2d 159 (N.D. 2001).

7. I am familiar with and will comply with the North Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct, the North Dakota Rules of Court, including the rules of e-filing and service, and all applicable statutes, rules, and procedures governing the conduct of attorneys in North Dakota.

8. Attached to this Affidavit is a Certificate of Good Standing from the Office of Lawyer Registration for the State of Minnesota.

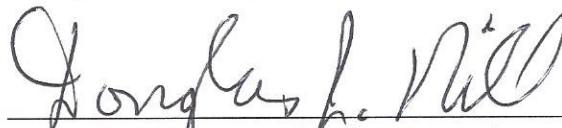
9. I designate Steven J. Leibel of Knoll Leibel LLP in Bismarck, North Dakota, as local counsel and associate attorney of record with me in all phases of this case. Mr. Leibel is a member in good standing of the Bar of North Dakota and maintains an office within the state.

10. The required fee for pro hac vice admission has been paid to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of North Dakota that the foregoing is true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

Douglas J. Nill, PLLC



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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 20th day of May, 2025.

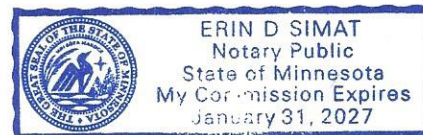

Notary Public

EXHIBIT 2

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

Certificate of Good Standing

This is to certify that the following lawyer is in good standing

DOUGLAS J NILL

was duly admitted to practice as a lawyer and counselor at law in all the courts of this state on

October 28, 1988

Given under my hand and seal of this court on

April 25, 2025

Emily J. Eschweiler

Emily J. Eschweiler, Director
Office of Lawyer Registration

