

IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Wano Township, Willowbank)	
Township, Russell Township, Corwin)	
Township, Valley Township, Mike)	Supreme Court No. 20260059
Bartel, Patty Bartel, Richard Long,)	
Susan R. Long, Steven Nelson, Julia)	Burleigh County District Court
Nelson, Phyllis P. Otterness, Patricia)	Civil No. 08-2025-CV-02068
A. Vick, Brandon Schweigert, Tausha)	
Schweigert, Shockman Farm)	
Partnership, LLLP, Debra Sue Wald,)	
Lucas Wald, Jill Wald, Tim Leppert,)	
Orr Farms, Steve M. Rupp, Sandra J.)	
Rupp, David A. Schweigert, Denette)	
M. Schweigert, Allen D. Swiontek,)	
Inna N. Swiontek, David Wald, Holly)	
Wald, Weston Wald, and Willowbank)	
Hutterian Brethren Association,)	
)	
Appellants,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
North Dakota Public Service)	
Commission, Otter Tail Power)	
Company, and Montana-Dakota)	
Utilities Co.,)	
)	
Appellees.)	

**OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY AND MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES
CO.'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLEES' BRIEF**

[¶1.] Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (the “Utilities”) move the Court, pursuant to N.D.R.App.P. 26(b), for a 14-day extension of time, through May 13, 2026, for the deadline to file their Appellees’ brief in this appeal. This request is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay. In the time since Appellants’ brief was filed, counsel for the Utilities have been working toward meeting multiple other briefing deadlines, including in appeals before this Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

Eighth Circuit, as well as briefing due in state district court. In addition, counsel for the Utilities have had several instances of out-of-town travel for hearings or other business over the past month. Finally, one of the Utilities' counsel is expecting a baby within the next week.

[¶2.] Accordingly, good cause exists for a for a 14-day extension of time, through May 13, 2026, and the Utilities respectfully request that the Court grant the requested extension

DATED this 20th day of April, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 32(a)

[¶1] I certify that this Motion complies with the typeface requirements of N.D.R.App.P. 32 and the type style requirements of that rule, because it has been prepared in a proportionally-spaced typeface using a Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, 12 point font.

By: /s/ Paul J. Forster
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