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March 4, 2026

—Via E-Mail and Federal
Express—

Mr. Steve Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capital Building
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismark, ND 58505-0480

**Re: Maple River – Cuyuna 345 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Siting Application
Case No. PU-25-082**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Please find enclosed the following documents for filing with the North Dakota Public Service Commission in the above-referenced proceeding:

1. Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Valerie T. Herring;
2. Declaration of Valerie T. Herring in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice;
3. Proposed Order Granting Admission Pro Hac Vice of Valerie T. Herring;
4. Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Kodi J. Verhalen;
5. Declaration of Kodi Jean Verhalen in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice;
6. Proposed Order Granting Admission Pro Hac Vice of Kodi J. Verhalen;
7. Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Jackson Evans;
8. Declaration of Jackson Evans in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice;
9. Proposed Order Granting Admission Pro Hac Vice of Jackson Evans; and
10. Certificate of Service.

Please contact me at rendris@otpc.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert Endris

Robert Endris
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Maple River – Cuyuna 345 kV Transmission
Line Siting Application**

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MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF VALERIE T. HERRING

1. Pursuant to Rule 3 of North Dakota’s Admission to Practice Rules, Otter Tail Power Company, Great River Energy, and Minnesota Power (“Applicants”) by and through its counsel, hereby move for an order granting Valerie T. Herring, of the law firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister L.L.P., admission to practice pro hac vice in the State of North Dakota for the purposes of representing the Applicants in the above-captioned matter.

2. Valerie T. Herring is admitted to and is in good standing to appear in: Courts of the State of Colorado; Courts of the State of Iowa; Courts of the State of Kentucky; Courts of the State of Minnesota; and Courts of the State of Wisconsin. Valerie T. Herring has a pending application for admission to the Courts of the State of North Dakota that was submitted in February 2026.

3. Valerie T. Herring has not appeared in any other North Dakota State Court proceeding during the last three years pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules.

4. Valerie T. Herring is not presently subject to any disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction and is not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which she is licensed.

5. Valerie T. Herring is not now, nor has she ever been, suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction.

6. Robert Endris, of Otter Tail Power Company, an attorney licensed to practice in the State of North Dakota, will be associated with Valerie T. Herring for purposes of the above-captioned matter.

7. Filed herewith is the Declaration of Valerie T. Herring in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice (“Declaration”) evidencing compliance with Rule 3 of North Dakota’s Admission to Practice Rules.

8. A copy of this Motion and the Declaration is being filed with the State Board of Examiners. The requisite fee of Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$380.00) for 2026 has also been remitted.

9. WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests admission of Valerie T. Herring for the purposes of representing the Applicant in the above-captioned matter.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2026.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

By: /s/ Robert Endris
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*Attorney for Applicant Otter Tail Power
Company*

6. I am not presently nor have I ever been, suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction.

7. Pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules, I have not appeared in any other North Dakota State Court proceedings during the last three years.

8. Robert Endris with Otter Tail Power Company, will be associated with me in all phases of this proceeding.

9. The applicable admission has been paid to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Valerie T. Herring

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2. The Hearing Examiner, having considered the Motion and otherwise being fully advised in this matter, finds that the movant has complied with all the provisions of Rule 3 and, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Valerie T. Herring is granted permission to practice pro hac vice before the Public Service Commission for the State of North Dakota for the purpose of representing the Applicants in the above-captioned matter.

**BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER
OR HEARING OFFICER**

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MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF KODI J. VERHALEN

1. Pursuant to Rule 3 of North Dakota’s Admission to Practice Rules, Otter Tail Power Company, Great River Energy, and Minnesota Power (“Applicants”) by and through its counsel, hereby move for an order granting Kodi J. Verhalen, of the law firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister L.L.P., admission to practice pro hac vice in the State of North Dakota for the purposes of representing the Applicants in the above-captioned matter.

2. Kodi J. Verhalen is admitted to and is in good standing to appear in: Courts of the State of Minnesota; Courts of the State of Ohio; and Courts of the State of Wisconsin.

3. Kodi J. Verhalen has not appeared in any other North Dakota State Court proceeding during the last three years pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules.

4. Kodi J. Verhalen is not presently subject to any disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction and is not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which she is licensed.

5. Kodi J. Verhalen is not now, nor has she ever been, suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction.

6. Robert Endris, of Otter Tail Power Company, an attorney licensed to practice in the State of North Dakota, will be associated with Kodi J. Verhalen for purposes of the above-captioned matter.

7. Filed herewith is the Declaration of Kodi J. Verhalen in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice (“Declaration”) evidencing compliance with Rule 3 of North Dakota’s Admission to Practice Rules.

8. A copy of this Motion and the Declaration is being filed with the State Board of Examiners. The requisite fee of Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$380.00) for 2026 has also been remitted.

9. WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests admission of Kodi J. Verhalen for the purposes of representing the Applicants in the above-captioned matter.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2026.

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*Attorney for Applicant Otter Tail
Power Company*

7. Robert Endris, with Otter Tail Power Company, will be associated with me in all phases of this proceeding.

8. The applicable admission has been paid to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Kodi J. Verhalen

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2. The Hearing Examiner, having considered the Motion and otherwise being fully advised in this matter, finds that the movant has complied with all the provisions of Rule 3, and therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Kodi J. Verhalen is granted permission to practice pro hac vice before the Public Service Commission for the State of North Dakota for the purpose of representing the Applicants in the above-captioned matter.

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MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF JACKSON EVANS

1. Pursuant to Rule 3 of North Dakota’s Admission to Practice Rules, Otter Tail Power Company, Great River Energy, and Minnesota Power (“Applicants”) by and through its counsel, hereby move for and order granting Jackson Evans, of Minnesota Power, admission to practice pro hac vice in the State of North Dakota for the purposes of representing Minnesota Power in the above-captioned action.

2. Jackson Evans is admitted to and is in good standing to appear in Minnesota State Courts.

3. Jackson Evans has not appeared in any other North Dakota State Court proceeding during the last three years pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules.

4. Jackson Evans is not presently subject to any disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction and is not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which he is licensed.

5. Jackson Evans is not now, nor has he ever been, suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction.

6. Robert Endris, of Otter Tail Power Company, an attorney licensed to practice in the State of North Dakota, will be associated with Jackson Evans for purposes of the above-captioned action.

7. Filed herewith is the Declaration of Jackson Evans in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice (“Declaration”) evidencing compliance with Rule 3 of North Dakota’s Admission to Practice Rules.

8. A copy of this Motion and the Declaration is being filed with the State Board of Examiners. The requisite fee of Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$380.00) for 2026 has also been remitted.

9. WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests admission of Jackson Evans for the purposes of representing Minnesota Power in the above-captioned matter.

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8. The applicable admission has been paid to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jackson Evans

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2. The Hearing Examiner, having considered the Motion and otherwise being fully advised in this matter, finds that the movant has complied with the provisions of Rule 3, and therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Jackson Evans is granted permission to practice pro hac vice before the Public Service Commission for the State of North Dakota for the purpose of representing Minnesota Power in the above-captioned matter.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Gustav Gerhardson, being first duly sworn, does depose and state that on March 4, 2026, this Certificate of Service and the following documents:

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were sent by electronic mail and Federal Express to:

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Dated this 4th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Gustav Gerhardson

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