

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company**  
**Abercrombie Solar Project – Richland County**  
**Public Convenience & Necessity**

**Case No. PU-25-221**

**ORDER**

**October 9, 2025**

**Preliminary Statement**

On June 18, 2025, in Case No. PU-24-351, the Commission adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 70 to Flickertail Solar Project, LLC (Flickertail) for the construction, operation and maintenance of an up to 300-MW solar energy conversion facility located in Abercrombie Township in Richland County, North Dakota.

On July 8, 2025, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Abercrombie Solar Project, a 291.5 MW solar generation facility located in Abercrombie Township, Richland County, North Dakota (Case No. PU-25-221).

On August 7, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing (Notice) on this case and Case No. PU-25-220, which transfers the Certificate of Site Compatibility from Flickertail to Otter Tail. This notice provided until September 16, 2025, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No responses were received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this matter:

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-25-221 are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facility.
2. Is Otter Tail technically, financially, and managerially fit and able to provide the service?

**Discussion**

Otter Tail proposes to construct, own and operate the Abercrombie Solar Project located in Abercrombie Township in Richland County, North Dakota. The Abercrombie Solar Project is currently known by the name 'Flickertail Solar Project'. Otter Tail intends

to use the name Abercrombie Solar Project rather than Flickertail Solar Project. The siting for this project was previously approved in Case No. PU-24-351 and a Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 70 was issued to Flickertail Solar Project, LLC for the construction, maintenance and operation of an up to 300-MW solar energy conversion facility.

On July 22, 2024, the Minnesota Public Utility Commission (MNPUC) issued an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) order directing Otter Tail to add between 200 and 300 MWs of solar resources with a commercial operation date of November 1, 2027, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

On December 4, 2024, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued an Order and Guidance on Integrated Resource Plan which stated that it does not support the addition of new wind or solar generation on behalf of North Dakota customers through the end of 2030.

Based upon this guidance, Otter Tail sought and secured cost recovery approvals from the MNPUC and the South Dakota Public Utility Commission (SDPUC) whereby all costs related to the new solar resources referenced above would be paid solely by Otter Tail customers located in Minnesota and South Dakota.

Otter Tail evaluated a list of competitive, potential solar projects based upon competitive criteria and selected the Abercrombie Solar Project as the most favorable.

The Commission finds public convenience and necessity will be served by Otter Tail's construction and operation of the facilities and that Otter Tail is fit and able to provide service.

### Order

The Commission Orders: Otter Tail Power Company is issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 6012 to construct, own and operate the Abercrombie Solar Project.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart  
Commissioner



Randy Christmann  
Chair



Jill Kringstad  
Commissioner

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**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Certificate Number 6012**

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Otter Tail Power Company, to construct, own and operate the Abercrombie Solar Project energy facility in Richland County, North Dakota.*

*This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated October 9, 2025, in Case No. PU-25-221, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.*

*This certificate is conditioned upon Otter Tail Power Company securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, October 9, 2025.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Executive Secretary**

  
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**Commissioner**