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*Via Electronic Mail & Hand Delivery*

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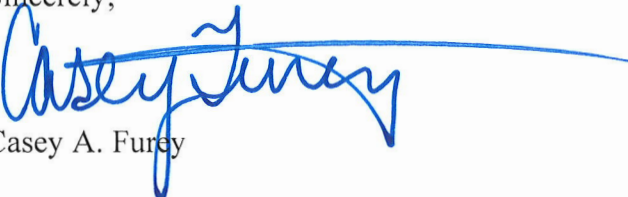
In re: Otter Tail Power Company & Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
345kV JETx Transmission Line  
Siting Application - Stutsman, LaMoure, and Dickey Counties  
Case No. PU-25-236  
Our File No. 072879-000001

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing please find Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for Protection of Information related to protection of cultural resource information in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-02-09-02(2), one copy of the protected material is enclosed herewith and one original and seven copies of the public portion of the application was previously provided to the Commission on August 8, 2025.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Casey A. Furey

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**BEFORE THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
345kV Transmission Line - Jamestown to Ellendale  
Siting Application - Stutsman, LaMoure, and Dickey Counties**

**Case No. PU-25-236**

**APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**August 27, 2025**

On August 08, 2025, Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (“Montana-Dakota”) (collectively, “Applicants”) jointly filed a Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit (the “Siting Application”). Docket No. 1. The Siting Application includes a redacted summary of a meeting held with Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate dated June 27, 2023 in Appendix E and a redacted Appendix I, Class I and Class III Cultural Inventory Volumes 1 and 2 (collectively, the “Public Report”). The unredacted Appendix E meeting summary and Appendix I reports contain confidential information identifying the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Applicants submit this application to protect certain confidential information filed in this matter from disclosure. Specifically, this application seeks protection of the location of cultural resources under N.D.C.C. § 49-22-26, which provides that the Commission “may limit access to, and release of, information that contains data that specifically identifies the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.” Therefore, Applicants request that protection be given to the redacted portions of the cultural resource location information contained in the Public Report.

Applicants are providing an unredacted, nonpublic version of the Appendix E June 27, 2023 meeting summary referenced above and the Appendix I, Class I and Class III Volumes 1 and 2 Cultural Inventory with this application. Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, one copy of the non-public version is provided with this application in a sealed package marked PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE. Applicants request that this information be available only to the Commission, the Commission’s counsel, the Commission’s siting analysts, and the Administrative Law Judge (if/when one is designated).

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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