

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota
Utilities Co. 345kV Transmission Line Siting
Application

Case No. PU-25-236

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

I, Douglas J. Nill, being first duly sworn, depose and state that 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, 1850 Fifth Street Towers, 150 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402. My telephone number is (612) 573-3669 and my email is dnill@farmlaw.com.
2. I am an active member in good standing of the bar of the State of Minnesota (since 1988), the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota (since 1991), and the United States Supreme Court (since 2004). I respectfully request admission pro hac vice pursuant to Rule 3(A) of the North Dakota Admission to Practice Rules for the limited purpose of representing the Interested Persons identified in Exhibit 1 to the Motion (the "Clients") in this proceeding before the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

3. I am not presently subject to any 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, and have never been, suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in any jurisdiction. Many years ago, I received a private admonition from the Minnesota Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility arising from a communication with a university psychiatrist when I reasonably should have known the psychiatrist was represented by university counsel. The matter was informal and did not result in any discipline affecting my license.

6. During the preceding three (3) years, I have appeared in the following North Dakota actions:

- North Dakota Public Service Commission Docket PU-24-91 (pro hac vice admission previously sought and granted in 2025); and
- *Wano Township, et al. v. North Dakota Public Service Commission, et al.*, Case No. 08-2025-CV-02068 (Burleigh County District Court) (pro hac vice admission previously sought and granted in 2025).

Other than the foregoing, I have not appeared in any North Dakota action or proceeding during the preceding three (3) years.

7. I appeared pro hac vice with local counsel in a personal injury case in Rugby, North Dakota in 2000, and 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).

8. I am familiar with and will comply with the North Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct and the applicable statutes, rules, and procedures governing the conduct of attorneys in North Dakota and before this Commission. I submit to the disciplinary authority of North Dakota for conduct in this matter.

9. I designate Steven J. Leibel, Knoll Leibel LLP, Bismarck, North Dakota, as designated associate counsel as required by Rule 3(A). Mr. Leibel is a member in good standing of the Bar of North Dakota and maintains an office within North Dakota.

10. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Minnesota Office of Lawyer Registration is attached as Exhibit 3 to the Motion.

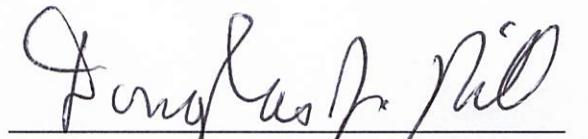
11. I have previously registered under Rule 3 in North Dakota in connection with PU-24-91.

12. I certify that the annual pro hac vice fee required by Rule 3 has been paid to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners for calendar

years 2025 and 2026.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

Dated: January 6, 2026



Douglas J. Nill (MN #0194876)
ND Rule 3 Registration No. P00392

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6 day of January, 2026.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/31/2027

