

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

Wano Township, Willowbank Township,
Russell Township, Corwin Township,
and Valley Township

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY IN SUPPORT OF PETITION
TO INTERVENE AND RELATED RELIEF**

Petitioners Wano Township, Willowbank Township, Russell Township, Corwin Township, and Valley Township (the Townships) respectfully move for leave to file the attached Reply (Exhibit A) responding to (1) the Commission's February 20, 2026 response (PU-25-236.89) and (2) Applicants' February 20, 2026 response (PU-25-236.91).

1. The Commission's procedural rules do not provide for an automatic reply. The Townships request leave because the responses raise issues and characterizations that warrant correction to assist the hearing officer in resolving the pending intervention and record-status requests on an accurate basis.

2. The hearing officer has broad authority to regulate procedure and to request briefs and set schedules. The Townships request leave for a short reply to avoid confusion on a narrow point: what the January 6, 2026 email did and did not represent, and what relief remains necessary given the parties' position that many Township filings were received as hearing exhibits.

3. This motion is filed promptly and will not delay the proceeding. Applicants have moved to extend their deadline to submit a proposed order through February 25, 2026. The Townships seek to ensure the record and the pending intervention request are addressed before the proposed order and final decision process advance.

WHEREFORE, the Townships respectfully request an order granting leave to file Exhibit A.

Dated: February 25, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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