

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
OAH File No. 20250300

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

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION; CLARIFYING RECORD
STATUS OF TOWNSHIP SUBMISSIONS; AND DESIGNATING LATE
FILED EXHIBIT**

[¶1.] Wano Township, Willowbank Township, Russell Township, Corwin Township, and Valley Township (Townships) filed on February 4, 2026 a Petition to Intervene, Motion to Accept Township Filings as Late Filed Exhibits, and, in the Alternative, Petition to Reopen for Limited Additional Evidence.

[¶2.] The Townships' Petition to Intervene is GRANTED under N.D.A.C. § 69-02-02-05. The Townships and counsel shall be added to the official service list in PU-25-236.

[¶3.] Because the evidentiary hearings have concluded, the Townships' participation going forward is subject to the following conditions to avoid

delay and to promote the interests of justice: the Townships may file written submissions, including a post-hearing memorandum and any objection to proposed findings or a proposed order, but may not conduct discovery, call witnesses, or offer new evidence absent further order of the presiding administrative law judge.

[¶4.] The record is clarified as follows. Materials submitted by Township representatives during the noticed hearings and received as hearing exhibits, including materials filed in this docket at Docket Nos. 58, 59, and 85, are part of the record in this proceeding.

[¶5.] To the extent any Township submission identified in the Townships' February 4, 2026 filing (Docket No. 86) was not separately included within the hearing exhibits referenced in paragraph 4, those submissions are ACCEPTED by incorporation and are DESIGNATED as a late filed exhibit under N.D.A.C. § 69-02-04-07(k). The incorporated and designated submissions shall be treated as part of the record in this proceeding.

[¶6] The Townships' alternative request to reopen under N.D.A.C. § 69-02-06-01 is DENIED as unnecessary in light of this Order.

Dated this ____ day of February, 2026.

Administrative Law Judge
Hope Hogan