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500 E. Capitol
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RE: In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company for a Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Brookings County 345 kV Transmission Line, EL 13-020; and

In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Order Accepting Certification of Permit Issued in Docket EL06-002 to Construct Big Stone Transmission Line and Substations in Grant and Deuel Counties, EL 12-063.

Our File: 6500

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed please find the original Bonds ordered by the Commission in the above referenced dockets. We are offering these Bonds for your consideration and acceptance if they are acceptable. If you have any changes upon your review, please do let me know and we will endeavor to make changes as necessary. Otherwise, please do accept these on behalf of Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power as fulfilling part of their requirements to build the Big Stone to Brookings project.

Very truly yours,

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