



September 20, 2024

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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission
500 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: **Response to Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule**
In the Matter of the Application by Otter Tail Power Company and
Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency For a Facility Permit
for a 345-kV Transmission Facility and Associated Facilities in
Grant County, South Dakota
Docket No. EL 24-015

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In connection with the above-referenced matter, Otter Tail Power Company and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, through its agent Missouri River Energy Services (Applicants) have reviewed the procedural schedule proposed in the Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule submitted by the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") on September 16, 2024. Applicants appreciate the advanced coordination by the Staff regarding the proposed schedule, and support approval of the proposed schedule with one minor clarification. In past siting proceeding, applicants have reserved the right to call rebuttal witnesses and/or additional witnesses at the evidentiary hearing to address Commission questions, as needed. Such witnesses may not have submitted prefiled testimony. Accordingly, Applicants likewise request that the Commission allow rebuttal witnesses and/or additional witnesses that are addressing Commission questions to testify at the evidentiary hearing, as needed, regardless of whether such witnesses have submitted prefiled testimony.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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