

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
APPROVE FINAL ALIGNMENT

EL12-063

On December 19, 2012, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Order Accepting Certification (Petition) filed by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) requesting the Commission to accept certification that the conditions leading to the issuance of the January 16, 2007, Decision and Order Approving Stipulation and Granting Permit to Construct Transmission Facilities in Docket EL06-002 will continue to be met.

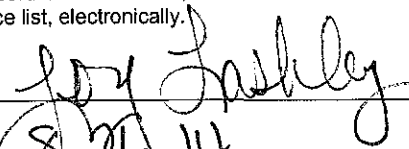
On December 20, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 11, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene were received. On March 19, 2013, Otter Tail filed a Certification stating that the conditions upon which the Commission granted the facility permit will continue to be met along the route as described in its Petition. On March 28, 2013, the City of Gary filed a Withdrawal to terminate its status as a party to the proceedings. On April 2, 2013, the Commission's staff (Staff) filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Stipulation of Terms and Conditions. On May 10, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Granting Withdrawal; Order Approving the Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation; Order Granting Certification. On July 29, 2014, Otter Tail filed a Motion to Approve Final Alignment with an attachment containing a set of maps depicting the final alignment in detail. On July 29, 2014, Brookings County Commission filed an email stating it had no objection to the filing.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-27 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 19, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the Motion to Approve Final Alignment. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Approve Final Alignment. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Approve Final Alignment is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24 day of August, 2014.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.	
By:	
Date:	<u>8.26.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

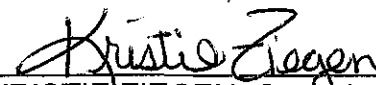
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



GARY HANSON, Chairman



CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner