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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

CIRCUIT COURT  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power )  
Company on behalf of Big Stone II )  
Co-owners for an Energy Conversion )  
Facility Permit for the Construction )  
Of the Big Stone II Project )

Civ. No. \_\_\_\_\_

SD PUC DOCKET NO. EL05-022

**AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN H. DAVIDSON IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO ADMIT  
MICHAEL D. O'NEILL PRO HAC VICE**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
 ) ss  
CLAY COUNTY )

John H. Davidson, duly sworn upon oath, states as follows:

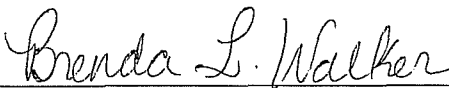
1. I find Michael D. O'Neill, applicant for *pro hac vice* admission to practice law in the State of South Dakota, to be a reputable attorney, and recommend his admission to practice before the South Dakota courts and administrative agencies.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that Mr. O'Neill be admitted *pro hac vice* to represent Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Izaak Walton League of America – Midwest Office, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, as co-counsel with me in the above-captioned South Dakota Public Utilities Commission proceedings.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
JOHN H. DAVIDSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
3rd day of March, 2006.

  
Notary my Comm. Exp: 12/23/2011