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SOUTH DAKOTA  
HUGHES COUNTY  
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 MICHAEL D. O'NEILL IN SUPPORT OF MOTION THAT HE BE  
ADMITTED PRO HAC VICE**

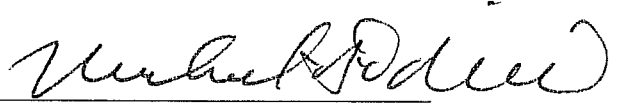
STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

Michael D. O'Neill, duly sworn upon oath, states as follows:

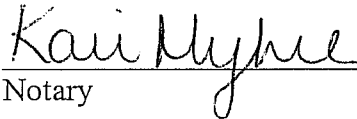
1. My office address is Johnson • Provo-Petersen, L.L.P., 332 Minnesota Street, First National Bank Building, Suite West 975, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.
2. I am associated in the above-referenced proceeding before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission with South Dakota attorney John H. Davidson, whose office address is 213 USD Law Building, 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069.
3. I am a member in good standing of the bar of Minnesota. I have not been the subject of disciplinary action by the bar or courts of Minnesota, nor have I been denied admission to the courts of any state or to any federal court.
4. I am familiar with the rules of the State Bar of South Dakota governing the conduct of members of the State Bar of South Dakota, and will at all times abide by and comply with the same, so long as the hearing in the above-referenced matter is pending, and I have not withdrawn as counsel therein.
5. I have completed an application through my office Johnson • Provo-Petersen, L.L.P. for a South Dakota Sales and Use Tax License.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that I 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 in the above-captioned proceeding of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
MICHAEL D. O'NEILL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
27th day of February, 2006.

  
Notary

