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October 26, 2005

Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Otter Tail Power Company on Behalf of Big Stone II Co-Owners for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of Big Stone II Project (EL05-022)
Our File No. 11402.000

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and ten copies of the Motion for Prehearing Conference and Certificate of Service. Please add this to the agenda for the November 1, 2005 meeting. By copy of this letter I am serving the same on opposing counsel.

Sincerely yours,

BOYCE, GREENFIELD, PASHBY & WELK, L.L.P.

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Enclosure

cc: John Davidson
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company
on Behalf of Big Stone II Co-Owners for an
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Construction of the Big Stone II Project

Docket No. EL 05-022

MOTION FOR PREHEARING
CONFERENCE

The Big Stone II Project, by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, respectfully requests the Commission hold a prehearing conference pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-14 to discuss and resolve the following issues with the parties:

1. Date and location of final hearing on Big Stone II Application;
2. Appropriate representation of parties and pro-hac vice admission of attorneys;
3. Specific issues that will be contested at hearing;
4. Production of discovery materials via electronic means; e.g. posting of documents in a virtual reading room;
5. Deadline for conducting discovery;
6. Deadlines for submitting written testimony and exhibits as may be directed by the Commission pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:22.06 including:
 - a. Direct testimony in support of application;
 - b. Direct testimony of intervenors; and
 - c. Rebuttal testimony.
7. Deadlines for submissions of proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and order; and
8. Submission of post-hearing briefs or memoranda as may be requested by the Commission.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2005



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas J. Welk, do hereby certify that I am a member of the law firm of Boyce, Murphy, McDowell & Greenfield, L.L.P., attorneys for the Co-owners of Big Stone II Project and that on the 26th day of October, 2005, true and correct copies of the Motion for Prehearing Conference were served by United States, first-class mail, postage pre-paid thereon to the following:

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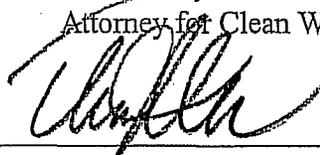
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