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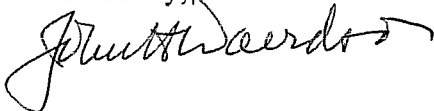
**Re: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company on Behalf of Big Stone II
Co-owners for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of
the Big Stone II Project
Circuit Court Civ. No. 06-399** **PUC Docket No. EL05-022**

Dear Messrs. Madsen, Welk and Smith:

Enclosed and served upon you, please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal of Decision of Hughes County Circuit Court, of the Docketing Statement for Appeal of Decision of Hughes County Circuit Court, of the Affidavit of Service by mail and a copy of the filing letter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



John H. Davidson

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**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

**NOTICE OF APPEAL OF
DECISION OF HUGHES
COUNTY DISTRICT
COURT**

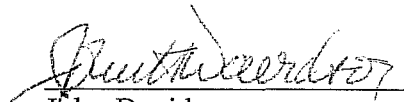
Circuit Ct. Civ. No. 06-399
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TO: OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY ON BEHALF OF BIG STONE II CO-OWNERS AND ITS ATTORNEYS, CHRISTOPHER W. MADSEN AND THOMAS J. WELK, BOYCE, GREENFIELD, PASHBY & WELK, LLP, P.O. BOX 5015, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104, THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND ITS ATTORNEY JOHN SMITH, 500 EAST CAPITOL, PIERRE, SD 57501.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Izaak Walton League of America – Midwest Office, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Fresh Energy (f/k/a Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy), (collectively, “Appellants”) appeal to the Supreme Court of South Dakota from the final judgment of the Hughes County District Court rendered in this action on the 26th day of February, 2007, affirming the decision of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) to grant an Energy Conversion Facility Siting Permit for the construction of the Big Stone II Project to Otter Tail Power Company, on behalf of Big Stone II Co-owners, in SDPUC Docket No. EL05-022. This appeal is authorized by SD 15-26A-3.

Dated: March 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,



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