

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY) APPLICATION FOR PARTY
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY ON BEHALF) STATUS
OF BIG STONE II CO-OWNERS FOR AN)
ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY PERMIT) EL05-022
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BIG)
STONE II PROJECT)

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40,

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER
SIERRA CLUB

(Name of Applicant)

petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in the above-referenced energy conversion facility permit proceeding.

[Signature] CHAPTER CHAIR
Signature of Applicant

9-16-2005

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of September 2005.



[Signature]
Notary Public

Residing at Minnehaha County
Sioux Falls, SD

My Commission expires August 30, 2007

NOTE: Consistent with SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, this application must be filed with the Public Utilities Commission within 60 days from the date Otter Tail Power Company's application was filed. The facility application was filed July 21, 2005. Therefore, this Application for Party Status form must be filed in the Commission's offices on or before September 19, 2005.

Pam Bonrud
Executive Director
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