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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Otter Tail Power Company on Behalf of Seven Regional Utilities for a Permit to Construct 5.45 miles of 230 kV Transmission Line, 33 miles of 345 kV Transmissions, Line, the Big Stone 345 kV Substation and Modification of the Big Stone 230 kV Substation
Docket No. EL06-002
Our File No. 11402.001

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find enclosed for filing the originals and ten copies of the Notices of Appearance for Thomas J. Welk and Joanne M. Haase.

Sincerely yours,

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

Thomas J. Welk

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Enclosure

cc: Bruce Gerhardson
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

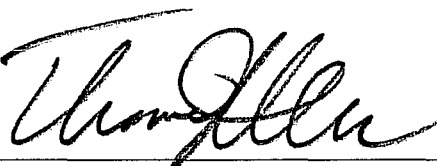
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230 kV Substation

EL 06-002

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned now appear as attorneys of record for Big
Stone II Project in the above-captioned matter.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2006.



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