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## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Christopher J. Schumacher, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he is the publisher of the Tri-City Star, a weekly newspaper published in Toronto, said County of Deuel, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona-fide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-one successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned, and was and is printed wholly or in part in an office maintained at said place of publication; that the

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA RUBLIC UTTLIFTES COMMISSION OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY ON BEHALF OF SEVEN REGIONAL UTTLIFTES TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECTING GRANTAND DEULE COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA

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#### - When: Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. CSI Where: Revillo City Auditorium-Basement, Revillo: SD

Pursuant to SD(i. 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Rub ic Builties Commission (Commission) will him public input hearing at the above time and place of an application filed by Ofter Fail Flower Company applications are ground utilities (Applicants). Ofter Fail Flower Company, (Central Minnesota-Municipal Flower Agency, Great River En Heartland Consumers Rower District, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Southern Minnesota Municipal Flower Agency, Western Minnesota Municipal Flower Agency, as represented by Missouri River Energy Services), for a permittor of the signature aroute and authorizing construction of three new transmission lines in South Dakota The applicant seeks Construction of three new transmission lines in South Dakota I won lines wou constructed to 230 kV-standards and would run from the existing Blt Stone 230 kV-substation next to the Blg Stone I plants to a new Blg Stone 345 kV-substation, which is proposed to be located southwest of the intersection of the and drum diagonally to a point on the west side of othe existing Highway II Substation, which is approximately two miles of Big-Stone City From that point the line will got ast a short distance where it will be double circuited with an existing kW line and follow the existing route of the 115 kV line to the South Dakota/Minnesotaborder. Approximately, 5-45 mill new 250 kV lines will be double circuited with an existing new 250 kV lines will be double circuited.

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The parties to this proceeding are correctly the Applicants and the Commission Rursuant to SDC L149.41B-17; any presiding in the area of the project, each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the project area any nongonization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment; personally or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and include groups, or to promote the orderly development of the project area, or any interested person maybe granted formal status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission as provided in ARSD 20:10:22:40 on or be March 20:2006 Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing on March 2, 2006.

For approval, the Applicants must show that the proposed transmissions in project will comply with all applicable and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the socialisand economic condition of sinhab or expected inhabitants in the siting area; will not substantially impain the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, will unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of going bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the possible granted denied or granted upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or mance as the Commission finds are appropriate:

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Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Gommission) will hold public input hearing at the above time and place on an application filed by Otter Tail Power Company on behalf of sev regional utilities (Applicants). Otter Tail Power Company, Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, Great River Energ Heartland Consumers Power District, Montana Dakota Utilities Co., Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, a Western Minnesota Municipal Rower Agency (astropresented by Missouri River Energy Services) for a permit to constru transmission lines and associated facilities in Grant and Deuel Counties in South Dakota. The applicants seek a Constructi Permit designating a route and authorizing construction of three new transmission lines in South Dakota. Two lines would constructed to 230 kV standards and would run from the existing Big Stone 230 kV Substation next to the Big Stone Lipox plant to a new Big Stone 345 kW Substation, which is proposed to be located southwest of the intersection of Grant Cour Road #4 (145th Street) and 484th Avenue. One of these 230 kV lines will continue on to the east for one mile and then to and runidiagonally to a point on the west side of the existing Highway 12 Substation, which is approximately two miles we of Big Stone City. From that point the line will goeast a short distance where it will be double circuited with an existing I ky line and follow the existing route of the 115 kW line to the South Dakota/Minnesota border. Approximately 5:45 miles new 230 kV line would be built in South Dakota."

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At the hearing, interested persons may appear and present their questions, views and comments regarding the applicati The application is on file in the Grant County Auditor's office and Deuel County Auditor's office and in the Commissic office in Pierre. The application and all other documents in the case may also be accessed on the Commission's web situation. www.puc.sd.gov/under."Commission Actions," "Commission Dockets," "2006 Electric Dockets," "EL06-002."

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Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Ple contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (800) 332-1782; fax (605) 773-3809; www.puc/sd/gov E Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501.