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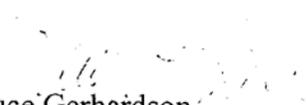
**Re: In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards
SD PUC Docket No. EL06-018**

Enclosed, please Otter Tail Corporation's, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail's"),
Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned docket. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Service.

Additionally, Otter Tail notes that this is a request for intervention out of time. The Commission
requested interventions by August 15, 2006. Otter Tail inadvertently overlooked that portion of the
Commission's July 31, 2006 Order. Otter Tail requests that its Petition for Intervention be granted
out of time as no party will be prejudiced by such intervention.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,


Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Diane Merz of Otter Tail Corporation hereby certifies that on the 17th day of August, 2006, she mailed by electronic mail, a true and correct copy of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition to Intervene in the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards, SD PUC Docket No. EL06-018, to the following:

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION)	EL06-018
OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS AS SET)	
FORTH IN THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF)	OTTER TAIL POWERCOMPANY'S
2005)	PETITION TO INTERVENE

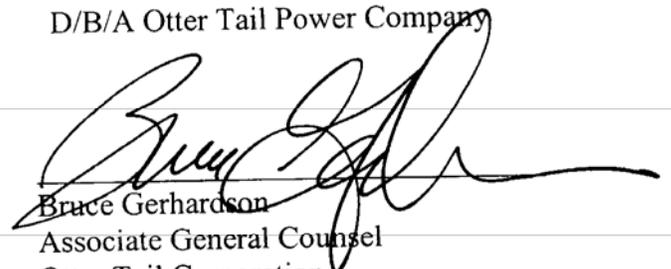
COMES NOW Otter Tail Corporation, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") and petitions the Commission to intervene in the captioned docket, as follows:

1. Otter Tail is a public utility doing business in the State of South Dakota under SDCL Ch. 49-34A. As such, it is a rate regulated investor-owned utility as described in the Commission's Order of July 31, 2006, in this docket.
2. Otter Tail has an interest in this proceeding such that by the outcome of the proceeding Otter Tail will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to Otter Tail as distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general. Specifically, Otter Tail has an interest in the adoption and implementation of the new PURPA Standards under the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Thus, Otter Tail should be permitted to intervene and participate fully as a party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Otter Tail prays that the Commission grant its petition to appear as a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2006.

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