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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**Re: Application of Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company for
Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in South Dakota
Docket EL08-030**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Representatives from Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") have discussed with South Dakota Public Utilities Commission staff ("Staff") extending the procedural schedule in this matter so that settlement discussions can continue without having to contend with testimony deadlines. It is Otter Tail's understanding that Staff supports such an extension. Therefore Otter Tail requests a two week extension of the procedural schedule in this matter. Otter Tail also understands that extending the procedural schedule in this matter may require the schedule for the hearing to be extended more than two weeks due to the availability of the Commissioners, Staff, Commission consultants and Otter Tail. Otter Tail will work with the Commission on setting a date for the hearing that works best for all parties involved.

Should you have any questions regarding Otter Tail's request, please contact me at 218-739-8838 or rlspangler@otpco.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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