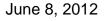


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Re: In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company Regarding Its 2011 Report and 2012 Energy Efficiency Plan Update

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find attached Commission Staff's memorandum with recommendations regarding Otter Tail Power Company's Energy Efficiency Program results, incentive, and update filed in EL12-034.

Sincerely,

Ross Pedersen