

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

In the Matter of the Transmission Permit for the
Big Stone South to Ellendale Project

EL13-028

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT OF INFORMATION**

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company, through their undersigned counsel, requests confidential treatment as follows:

1. Confidential protection is sought for the following:
 - a. Appendix E to the Application to the Public Utilities Commission of South Dakota for a Facility Permit filed August 23, 2013: Native Habitat Classification Model Memo
 - b. Appendix F to the Application to the Public Utilities Commission of South Dakota for a Facility Permit filed August 23, 2013: 2013 Bald Eagle Stick Nest (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) & Sharp-tailed Grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianellus*) Lek Survey Report
 - c. Appendix G to the Application to the Public Utilities Commission of South Dakota for a Facility Permit filed August 23, 2013: Cultural Resources Level I Records Search

The pages of the appendices are marked as confidential and are provided in sealed envelopes.

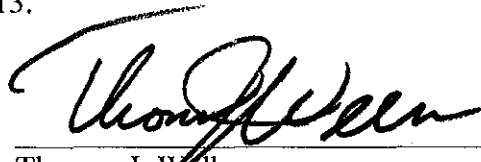
2. The exhibits must be protected for the life of this docket. When the docket is closed all protected information must be returned to the Project.

3. The persons to be notified are: For Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.: Henry Ford, 400 N. 4th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58501-4902, telephone (701) 222-7944. For Otter Tail Power Company: Dean Pawlowski, 215 Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, 56537-0496, telephone (218) 739-8947 or such other persons as the two companies may so direct.

4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD 20:10:01:39(5) and (6). Appendices E and F are confidential pursuant to the data use policy of the South Dakota Game, Fish, and

Parks, and Appendix G, which is information from the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, must remain confidential pursuant to SDCL 1-20-21.2.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2013.



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