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Subject: RE: Astoria Station Noise Test Plan and Request for Consultant Approval
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Thank you for the response. Staff approves.

Regards,

Jon

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Good Afternoon Jon,

We frequently perform noise or emissions testing in order to meet regulatory requirements as they are provided to us in our contract documents.

However we do not typically interact directly with the regulatory bodies. We provide the test report to our client who in turn works with the regulatory body. Mr. Wheeler has not directly interacted with any state regulatory commissions.

regards,

Jo Ann Haynes

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Mark,

To follow up on our previous email discussions, please provide a list of state regulatory dockets Mr. Wheeler has participated in for sound compliance. If he has no experience before state regulatory commissions, please indicate as such.

We'd like to get that piece of information before having further discussions.

Thanks,
Jon

From: Thoma, Mark <mthoma@otpc.com>
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Greetings Jon,

In accordance with Condition 30 of Settlement Stipulation EL17-042 between Otter Tail Power Company and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for construction of the Astoria Station Project, Otter Tail is providing the attached Far-Field Noise Assessment Test Plan for your review. Additionally, Otter Tail is requesting approval of CleanAir Engineering as the independent consultant to complete the noise assessment. The assessment will be performed in accordance with ANSI B133.8, and the objective of the testing is to ensure that noise levels exclusively associated with the Project meet the standards set forth in Condition 29 of the settlement stipulation.

Recognizing that the Commission is perhaps unfamiliar with CleanAir Engineering, CleanAir's noise testing capabilities are highlighted in Appendix C of the test plan, and a separate letter of introduction is also attached for Mr. David Wheeler, who serves as the Technical Leader for the Performance Group of CleanAir Engineering in Powell, Tennessee.

After reviewing this material, if you have any questions or concerns, we would like to offer to have a conference call that would include anyone from your end, along with Otter Tail and CleanAir Engineering personnel. If this is desired, please provide a few dates and times that would work (roughly one week advance notice would be greatly appreciated).

Thank you,

Mark



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