BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF OTTER TAIL
POWER COMPANY FOR AN ENERGY
CONVERSION FACILITY PERMIT
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
COMBUSTION TURBINE
GENERATOR AND ASSOCIATED
INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING A
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AND
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE
NEAR ASTORIA, SOUTH DAKOTA

JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

EL17-042

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") and Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all the issues between Staff and Otter Tail in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

- 1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
- 2. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all the issues in Docket No. EL17-042;
- 3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota Law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement Stipulation and adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding between Staff and Otter Tail and enter an Order finding that the attached Settlement Stipulation results in compliance with SDCL 49-41B.

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Dated this 12th day of July, 2018.

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