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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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**RE: 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
Docket No. EL17-042**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On August 3, 2018, the Commission entered an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Granting Permit to Construct Energy Conversion Facility; Notice of Entry for Otter Tail Power Company's (Otter Tail) Astoria Station. The Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission included several conditions that require information to be submitted by Otter Tail following construction of the project. The enclosed report addresses those conditions.

Note that although Astoria Station is still working through final combustion tuning and has not yet achieved commercial operation, the Project has achieved several key milestones, including:

- January 25, 2021: Combustion turbine first fire;
- February 2, 2021: Initial synchronization to grid;
- February 13, 2021: Astoria Station achieved full load for over five hours and reached accreditation for the MISO planning year.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 218-739-8205 or wswanson@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ WILLIAM SWANSON
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Enclosures
By electronic service