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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: EL17-017 - IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY REGARDING ITS NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing, please find Staff's Exhibits 1 and 2. The Applicant, Otter Tail Power Company is being served with the same by electronic copy of this correspondence. Staff Exhibit 1 is a map detailing the project area, showing communities and school districts within a 6, 10, 12, 15, and 20 mile radius of the turbine location. Staff Exhibit 2 is a description of the potential affected area, with Staff's recommended distance designated in the shaded column.

Staff's six-mile recommendation is based upon the limited number of permanent workers, as well as the likelihood surrounding communities will be affected by the factors listed in SDCL 49-41B-7.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards
Staff Attorney

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