

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

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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

EL17-017

**MOTION TO DEFER FILING OF  
PREFILED TESTIMONY**

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Petitioner Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”) moves the Commission for an order authorizing Otter Tail to submit its application for an energy conversion facility without prefiled testimony. Otter Tail has submitted a notice of intent to file an application for a permit for an energy conversion facility for the Astoria Station Project, pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-1 and ARSD 20:10:22:05, *et seq.* Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:22:39, Otter Tail is required to simultaneously file all exhibits and testimony supporting the application. The preparation of the exhibits and prefiled testimony requires a substantial expenditure of time and money, and the hearing on this matter will not be scheduled for several months. Consequently, the deadline for filing of the exhibits and prefiled testimony can be established at the prehearing conference. Otter Tail respectfully requests approval to defer filing of prefiled testimony until after the application and consistent with any deadline imposed by Commission order following the prehearing conference.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

Handwritten signatures of Thomas J. Welk and Jason R. Sutton in black ink, positioned above a horizontal line.

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