

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY ON BEHALF)
OF BIG STONE II CO-OWNERS FOR AN)
ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY PERMIT)
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BIG)
STONE II PROJECT)

FOURTH SCHEDULING AND
PROCEDURAL ORDER

EL05-022

The Commission has received requests from members of the public who are not parties to this proceeding who would like to have the opportunity to appear at the hearing and present their views on this project. The Commission will take the testimony of non-parties on June 29, 2006, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 413 of the Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota. ARSD 20:10:01:15.06 affords persons who are not a party to a case to appear in person at a hearing and be heard on a matter before the Commission.

The Commission has also received requests from members of the public to present their comments in writing. The Commission concludes that such written comments can be received as late filed comments at the public input hearing and such comments shall be afforded the status of other comments and testimony presented at the public input hearing which was held at Milbank, South Dakota, on September 13, 2005.

Excepting for these modifications, the first, second and third procedural schedules shall remain in effect as modified.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 2006.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Arlaine Koelb</i></u>
Date: <u>6/22/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman *dk*

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner