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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed is the detail of the determination of the fuel adjustment factor for the three months ending December 2009. The new adjustment factor is applicable on bills dated on and after February 1, 2010 (Billing Cycle 1).

The calculation was made in compliance with the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider, Electric Rate Schedule – Section 13.01, as approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission at their June 23, 2009, commission meeting (Docket No. EL08-030). A detail schedule of the items included in the calculation is enclosed. Otter Tail Power Company requests confidential treatment of columns (F) and (G) of the detail schedule pursuant to ARSD Part 20:10:01:41 due to the competitive nature of the data in those columns. Otter Tail Power Company is requesting confidential treatment for a period of at least 12 months and will request an extension in the future if necessary. Contact Pete Beithon, Manager of Regulatory Economics at: (218) 739-8607, 215 South Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 with any questions of concerns regarding the confidentiality request.

Revenue from Cost of Energy Adjustment for December 2009:

Total Sales in South Dakota	39,338,346 kWh
Sales Subject to Fuel Adjustment	39,274,938 kWh
Average Rate During Period	\$.00200
Revenue in Period	\$78,559.09
Energy Cost Adjustment Rate Level 70 and 42 - Effective 2/1/10	(\$.00299)