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John Suhr, of said county and state being duly sworn on oath, says: That the Reporter & Farmer is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation, and an official newspaper as required by Session Laws of 1893, printed and published in Webster, in said county and state, by the Day County Printing Company and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, that I, John Suhr, the undersigned, am publisher of said newspaper, and have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this affidavit and that the advertisement headed, Public Hearing-transmission line; HDR Engineering, a printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was printed and published in the said newspaper two successive and complete issues as follows:

First Publication

Sept. 9, 2013;

Second Publication

Sept. 16, 2013;

Third Publication

Fourth Publication

Fifth Publication

That the full amount of fees for publication of the annexed notice is \$109.69 and inures solely to the Reporter & Farmer, published by The Day County Printing Company, that no arrangement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid any person whomsoever.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of September, 2013.

LeAnn M. Suhr Day County South Dakciss mission Expires November 2, 2917

Notary Public, Day County, South Dakota

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Printer's Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF GRANT

Ann Tuchscherer
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Public Hearing
a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for successive weeks, on the day of each week on which the said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:
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That \$ 97.83, being the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of said Notice, inures to the benefit of the publisher of the Grant County Review; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Sept 20 13 Webna Hamman Notary Public, Grant County, South Dakota
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Transmission Permit for the Big Stone South to Ellendale Project

EL13-028

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jason R. Sutton, do hereby certify that I am a member of the law firm of Boyce, Greenfield, Pashby & Welk, LLP, attorneys for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company and that on the 8th day of October 2013, a true and correct copy of Affidavits of Publication for Grant, Day and Brown Counties were served via email to the following addresses listed:

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