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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Meeting

August 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. CDT

Room 413, Capitol Building

Pierre, South Dakota

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AGENDA OF AD HOC COMMISSION MEETING

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1. EL13-028 In the Matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company for a Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV Transmission Line (Staff Analysts: Brian Rounds, Darren Kearney; Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer)

On August 23, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources, and Otter Tail Power Company filed an application for a permit to construct a 345 kV transmission line of approximately 150 to 160 miles in Brown, Day, and Grant counties to the Big Stone South Substation in Grant County, South Dakota, near Big Stone City. On October 18, 2013, an Application for Party Status was filed by Gerald Pesall. On November 6, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention and Party Status to Gerald Pesall. On January 27, 2014, Applicants filed a First Amendment to Application (Amendment). Due to Applicants having made some route changes in certain areas of the Project which resulted in some additional landowners coming within the half-mile Project corridor, Applicants served notice on such landowners and the Commission held an additional public input hearing on May 20, 2014, at Aberdeen, S.D. An intervention deadline of April 16, 2014, was set. On April 14, 2014, Applications for Party Status were filed by James R. McKane III, Clark T. Olson, Schuring Farms, Inc., Bradley R. Morehouse, and Kevin Andersen. On May 1, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention and Party Status to James R. McKane III, Clark T. Olson, Schuring Farms, Inc., Bradley R. Morehouse, and Kevin Andersen. On June 9, 2014, a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Settlement Stipulation was filed by Applicants and staff. On June 10 and June 11, 2014, the evidentiary hearing was held as scheduled. On June 20, 2014, an Amended Settlement Stipulation between Applicants and staff was filed, and Schuring Farms filed certain documents pertaining to its crop insurance policy. On June 26, 2014, Schuring Farms filed additional crop insurance policy provisions. On June 27, 2014, Gerald Pesall filed his crop insurance policy provisions. On July 11, 2014, Schuring Farms filed its RCIS-MPCI Policy Review/Change Form and Common Crop Insurance Policy. On July 18, 2014, Gerald Pesall filed his Post-Hearing Initial Brief, and Applicants filed their Proposed Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, Proposed Order Granting Permit to Construct Facilities, Motion for Leave to Submit Documentary Evidence, and Post-Hearing Brief. On August 6, 2014, the Commission deferred taking action to a later date.

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TODAY, shall the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and approve the Amended Settlement Stipulation as the basis for its final decision and order? OR, how shall the Commission proceed?

/s/Cindy Kernitz _____.

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