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January 9, 2006

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: In the Matter of 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 (Docket No. EL05-022)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Please accept for filing a certified copy and ten copies of the pro hac vice admissions of Bruce Nilles, Patrick Gallagher, and George Hays.

In addition, please find enclosed for filing the original and ten copies of the following documents:

- Notice of Appearance (Bruce Nilles)
- Notice of Appearance (Patrick Gallagher)
- Notice of Appearance (George Hays)
- Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 977-5693 or elly.benson@sierraclub.org.

Thank you,

Elly Benson
Program Assistant

Enclosures

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS :
COUNTY OF HUGHES)

IN CIRCUIT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of 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

SD PUC DOCKET NO. EL05-022

ORDER

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HAVING HEARD and considered attorney Bruce Nilles' Motion for pro hac vice admission; and

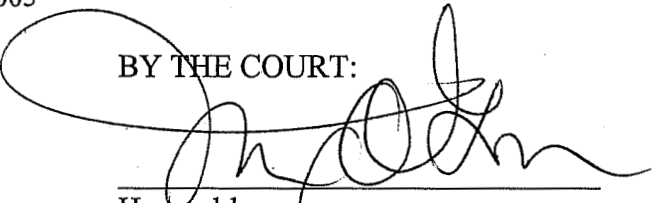
No objections having been made; and

Finding the non-resident attorney's motion to be in good order and properly filed;

It Is Therefore **ORDERED** that non-resident attorney Bruce Nilles be admitted to practice in the above titled action.

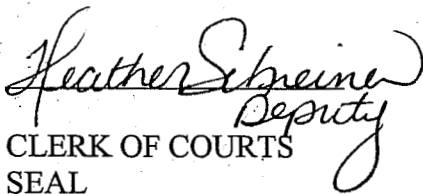
Dated this 28 day of Dec 2005

BY THE COURT:



Honorable
Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit



ATTEST:


Deputy
CLERK OF COURTS
SEAL

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
CIRCUIT COURT, HUGHES CO.

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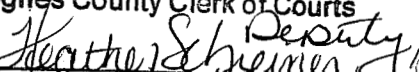
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 Clerk
By  Deputy

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Sixth Judicial Circuit Court
I hereby certify that the foregoing instrument
is a true and correct copy of the original as the
same appears on file in my office on this date:

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Judy Feddersen
Hughes County Clerk of Courts
By:  Deputy