

**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
WEEKLY FILINGS**

**For the Period of July 21, 2005 through July 27, 2005**

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**ELECTRIC**

**EL05-022 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.**

On July 21, 2005, the Commission received an Application for a Construction Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility from Otter Tail Power Company on behalf of the Project co-owners; Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Great River Energy; Heartland Consumers Power District; Montana Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.; Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company; Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency. The proposed Energy Conversion Facility is a nominal 600 MW coal-fired electric generating facility and associated facilities, which the Project co-owners have named Big Stone II, to be located on an industrial site adjacent to the existing Big Stone Plant unit I in Grant County, South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 07/21/05  
Intervention Deadline: N/A

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC05-109 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for West River Telecommunications Cooperative.**

On July 21, 2005, West River Telecommunications Cooperative, Hazen, North Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association. In accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:10, West River Telecommunications Cooperative requests that the Commission allow the use of GVNW's cost study model as opposed to the Commission model for determining West River Telecommunications Cooperative's revenue requirement.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 07/21/05  
Intervention Deadline: 08/05/05

**TC05-110 In the Matter of the Request of Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a Hickory Tech Corporation for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.**

On July 25, 2005, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a Hickory Tech (Hickory Tech) provided information constituting Hickory Tech's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Hickory Tech will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that

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is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 07/25/05  
Intervention Deadline: 08/05/05

**TC05-111 In the Matter of the Request of Kennebec Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.**

On July 26, 2005, Kennebec Telephone Company (Kennebec) provided information constituting Kennebec's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Kennebec will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
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