September 16th, 2005

RE: Application for Party Status EL05-022

Dear Ms. Bonrud,

I am a South Dakota resident registered to vote in Minnehaha County. I also have numerous family members and own a home and agricultural land in Big Stone County, Minnesota, hence my interest 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.

My contact information follows. Should you need anything else in this matter please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY	)	APPLICATION FOR PARTY
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY ON BEHALF	)	STATUS
OF BIG STONE II CO-OWNERS FOR AN	)	
ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY PERMIT	)	EL05-022
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BIG	)	
STONE II PROJECT	)	

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, MARY Jo STUEVE,

<p align="center">(Name of Applicant)</p>

petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in the above-referenced

energy conversion facility permit proceeding.

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Signature of Applicant

_9/16/2005_
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this __16th__ day of __Sept.__, 2005.

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Notary Public

(SEAL)

Residing at ___Sioux Falls, SD___

My Commission expires _WILLIAM L. HOBSON MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 22, 2010._

NOTE: Consistent with SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, this application must be filed with the Public Utilities Commission within 60 days from the date Otter Tail Power Company's application was filed. The facility application was filed July 21, 2005. Therefore, this Application for Party Status form must be filed in the Commission's offices on or before September 19, 2005.

Pam Bonrud
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