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May 8, 2006

TO: Kevin Kouba
Otter Tail Power Company

FROM: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

RE: **NOTICE OF COMPLAINT; DEADLINE FOR ANSWER; HEARING DATE SCHEDULED**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY GENE DRONG,
COLMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SERVICE TO A PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF EGAN
CE06-001

You are hereby notified that the enclosed complaint as referenced above has been filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission against your company. Under the Administrative Rules of South Dakota, Section 20:10:01:09, you have twenty days in which to satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing, unless the Commission grants an extension of this time limit.

If a settlement is not reached, your answer must be filed with the Commission by the date listed below. The filing of an answer does not foreclose the settlement of the complaint if you choose to compromise or otherwise settle this matter.

A hearing for this matter is scheduled on the date and at the location also listed below. The exact time and location will be included in a future Notice of Hearing.

Please contact the following assigned Staff to keep them apprised of your progress.

Deadline to File Answer: May 30, 2006
Date of Hearing: To be determined
Location of Hearing: Pierre, South Dakota
Staff Analyst: Karen Cremer
Staff Attorney: Deb Gregg

Enclosure

cc: Gene Drong

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**
500 East Capitol Building, Pierre SD 57501

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COMPLAINT

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Complainant(s) (Person(s) filing the complaint)		Respondent(s) (Person(s) or Company complained against) At a minimum, the name of the company	
Name	Gene Deang	Utility Company	Other Tail Power
Address	23325 471st Ave	Contact Person	Kevin Kuba
City, State, Zip	COLMAN SD 57017	Address	
Work Phone	605 366 9328	City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	605 534 9865	Phone	
Cellular Phone	605 366 9328	Fax	

If the Complainant is represented by an attorney, please list the attorney's name, address, telephone number and fax number below: (If Complainant is not represented by an attorney, please leave blank:

These are the facts giving rise to my complaint:

we want to build a new 1 mile so of Logan. Cycl has
the main line in the section line. I am told Sioux Valley
energy is on the south side and other tail power is on the
north side.

Sioux Valley wants \$7500 to 9000 to buy in power but other tail
refuses to give them permission. Other tail's proposal amount
to about \$20,000 this is extremely excessive plus in the
proposal letter they leave it open in the last six
words that they may even demand more should
they want to.

They have been double talking all along and for a
public utility they have been extremely hostile and
unwilling to give us.

In talking to them they have repeated they are a
for profit company which profit is not a duty word
but 50,000 over 9,000 is a royal rip off.

If homes are built to the south they would be
built in Sioux Valley territory hence the chance of
other homes would either be on Ray Saeggy for
my property.

Please complete the reverse side of this document

NOTE: Please attach additional pages, if necessary, to explain your situation. Also enclose copies of any bills or other documents which may pertain to your complaint.

RESOLUTION REQUEST

I ask that the Public Utilities Commission grant the following remedy. (What do you think the Commission should do to solve your complaint? Be specific in your request for a resolution.)

Have Otter Tail conform to same arrangement as Silver Valley without any of the strings attached they have in their proposal

NOTE: Please attach any additional pages, if necessary

AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

I hereby affirm that these statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

[Handwritten Signature]
Complainant's Signature(s)

5-4-06
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon

Kevin Kouba
Otter Tail Power Company

by facsimile at *1-605-432-9163*

By: *Karen Cremer*

Date: *5-8-06*

Time: *5:30 p.m.*