

Printer's Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF GRANT

} ss.

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of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says that the Grant County Review is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Milbank, in said County of Grant and State of South Dakota, by Phyllis Justice, and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper; and that it has a bona fide circulation of more than two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said County of Grant in the English language and has been admitted to the United States mail under second class mailing privilege, for at least one year next prior to the publication of the Notice herein mentioned, and has been printed wholly in an office maintained at the said place of publication, that I, the undersigned, Advertising Manager of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed Notice of Public Hearing South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Otter Tail Power Company on Behalf of Seven Regional Utilities Transmission Line Project in Grant and Deuel Counties, South Dakota printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for two successive weeks, on the day of each week on which the said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

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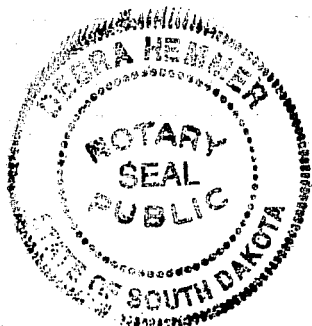
That \$ 235.20, being the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of said Notice, inures to the benefit of the publisher of the Grant County Review; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 22nd day of Feb 20 06

Debra L. Hemmer

Notary Public, Grant County, South Dakota
DEBRA HEMMER
Notary Public, GRANT COUNTY, S. DAK.
My Commission Expires OCT 27, 2009



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
REGIONAL UTILITIES TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
AND DEUEL COUNTY
DOCKET E
WHEN: Thursday, March 2, 2006
WHERE: Revillo City Auditorium

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing above time and place on an application filed on behalf of seven regional utilities (Applicants) to construct transmission lines and associated facilities in South Dakota. The Applicants seek route and authorizing construction of the project in South Dakota. Two lines would be constructed from the existing Big Stone 230 kV Substation to a new Big Stone 345 kV Substation southwest of the intersection of Grant and 484th Avenue. One of these 230 kV lines would run one mile and then turn and run diagonally to the existing Highway 12 Substation, which is located in Stone City. From that point the line will be double circuited with an existing 115 kV line of the 115 kV line to the South Dakota/Minnesota border. The third line would be constructed and would be operated at 230 kV and would be constructed from the existing Big Stone Substation, go slightly southeasterly until it turns and goes directly south along the intersection of 485th Avenue to 148th Street. The proposed route then turns southwest to 484th Avenue and parallels 484th Avenue. The proposed route then turns southeasterly one-half mile south of 149th Street to 148th Street and parallels 485th Avenue until it reaches 148th Street. The proposed route then turns west to a point approximately one-third mile west of 148th Street and follows the quarter section line south and follows the quarter section line south to 170th Street in Gary, South Dakota. The line then continues south one-half mile before it turns and enters Minnesota. A new 230 kV line will be built in South Dakota. In addition, a new Big Stone 345 kV Substation and existing transmission line will be constructed of a new Big Stone 345 kV Substation.

An alternative route for the proposed route from the new Big Stone Substation of 160th Street and 485th Avenue would be to construct a line along 160th Street to the South Dakota/Minnesota border. At the hearing, interested persons may file written objections, views and comments regarding the project in the Grant County Auditor's office and the Commission's office in Pierre. The hearing transcript for this case may also be accessed on the Commission's website under "commission Actions," "Commission Actions," "EL06-002."

The parties to this proceeding are the Applicants and the Commission. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15, the project, each municipality, county, area, any non-profit organization formed for the purpose of preservation or natural beauty, to protect other biological values, to preserve historic sites, to represent commercial and industrial development of the project area, or any other party status in this proceeding before the Commission as provided in ARSD 20:01-01. Application forms for party status will be available at the hearing.