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### OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY Docket No. EL10-011

Response to: Public Utilities Commission Analyst: Ryan Soye, Staff Attorney Date Received: 11/19/2010 Date Due: 12/3/2010 Date of Response: 12/02/2010 Responding Witness: Peter J. Beithon, Manager, Regulatory Economics - (218) 739-8607

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Refer to the Company's response to data request 1-20, page 2 regarding renewable energy. Provide the REO compliance percentage for each jurisdiction without the Luverne Wind Farm for 2009 and with and without the Luverne Wind Farm for the most recent available actual data for 2010.

#### **RESPONSE:**

### **REO/RES** compliance percentages for 2009 by jurisdiction excluding energy produced by the Luverne Wind Farm:

<u>Minnesota</u>

Net MN retail sales for REO/RES Compliance Minnesota Renewable Energy sales excluding Luverne MN REO/RES Compliance Percentage	: 2,135,194,684 kWh : 252,224,803 kWh : 11.81%
North Dakota	
Net ND retail sales for REO Compliance North Dakota Renewable Energy sales excluding Luverne ND REO Compliance Percentage	: 1,596,457,320 kWh : 183,326,865 kWh : 11.48%
South Dakota	
Net SD retail sales for REO Compliance South Dakota Renewable Energy sales excluding Luverne SD REO Compliance Percentage	: 385,482,768 kWh : 44,315,717 kWh : 11.50%
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Please note the above kWh amounts will not tie out with the kWh's listed on page 1 and two of Statement I due to the fact that the kWh's shown on Statement I were pulled directly from OTP's Customer Information System Analysis ("CISA") file and also include unbilled revenue and weather normalization adjustments. The kWh amounts

above are based on an OTP file called CIS339. Please see the response to IR SD-PUC-02-24 part c for a description of the difference between these two files.

# Estimated REO/RES compliance percentages for 2010 through September by jurisdiction including energy produced by the Luverne Wind Farm:

Minnesota		
Net MN retail sales for REO/RES Compliance	: 1,605,757,460 kWh	
Minnesota Renewable Energy sales including Luverne	: 229,396,693 kWh	
MN REO/RES Compliance Percentage	: 14.29%	
North Dakota		
Net ND retail sales for REO Compliance	: 1,266,082,450 kWh	
North Dakota Renewable Energy sales including Luverne	: 171,495,764 kWh	
ND REO Compliance Percentage	: 13.55%	
South Dakota		
Net SD retail sales for REO Compliance	: 319,044,785 kWh	
South Dakota Renewable Energy sales including Luverne	: 43,215,969 kWh	
SD REO Compliance Percentage	: 13.55%	

# Estimated REO/RES compliance percentages for 2010 through September by jurisdiction excluding energy produced by the Luverne Wind Farm:

Minnesota	
Net MN retail sales for REO/RES Compliance	: 1,605,757,460 kWh
Minnesota Renewable Energy sales excluding Luverne	: 168,872,029 kWh
MN REO/RES Compliance Percentage	: 10.52%
North Dakota	
Net ND retail sales for REO Compliance	: 1,266,082,450 kWh
North Dakota Renewable Energy sales excluding Luverne	: 122,138,946 kWh
ND REO Compliance Percentage	: 9.65%
South Dakota	
Net SD retail sales for REO Compliance	: 319,044,785 kWh
South Dakota Renewable Energy sales excluding Luverne	: 30,778,328 kWh
SD REO Compliance Percentage	: 9.65%