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

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Provide the renewable energy standards for each jurisdiction that the Company operates in and a status report that would indicate, by jurisdiction, what percent of the Company's energy is supplied by renewables at the present time.

**RESPONSE:**

OTP serves retail load in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. All three state jurisdictions have a renewable energy objective (REO) or renewable energy standard (RES). Table I describes the requirements in each of the state jurisdictions.

<b>Table I</b>			
<b>Jurisdictional REO/RES Requirements</b>			
	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>South Dakota</b>
REO	2007-2009 1% 2010-2011 7% <i>(as percentage of retail sales after conservation)</i>	Prior to 2015 0% 2015 and on 10% <i>(as percentage of retail sales with an adjustment for hydro energy that cannot be counted toward compliance)</i>	Prior to 2015 0% 2015 and on 10% <i>(as percentage of retail sales with an adjustment for hydro energy that cannot be counted toward compliance)</i>
RES <sup>1</sup>	2012-2015 12% 2016-2019 17% 2020-2024 20% 2025 and on 25%	N/A	N/A
<sup>1</sup> These MN REO and RES requirements only apply to utilities without nuclear generating assets. Utilities with nuclear generating assets have a more aggressive standard as detailed in Minn. Stat. §216B.1691.			

The following data indicates the percent of renewable energy supplied by OTP for the year 2009 (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009) by Jurisdiction. The data is based on the assumption that the renewable energy is allocated based on the retail kWh sales.

Minnesota

Net MN Retail Sales for REO Compliance : 2,135,194,684 kWh  
Minnesota Renewable Energy Sales : 280,808,754 kWh  
MN REO Compliance Percentage : 13.15%

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North Dakota

Net ND Retail Sales for REO Compliance : 1,596,457,320 kWh  
North Dakota Renewable Energy Sales : 206,110,520 kWh  
ND REO Compliance Percentage : 12.91%

South Dakota

Net SD Retail Sales for REO Compliance : 385,482,768 kWh  
South Dakota Renewable Energy Sales : 49,817,110 kWh  
SD REO Compliance Percentage : 12.92%