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March 30, 2012

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1st floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**Re: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition to Establish an Environmental  
Quality Cost Recovery Tariff  
Docket No. EL12-\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Otter Tail Power Company ("OTP") submits this filing to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Environmental Quality Cost Recovery Tariff. The purpose of filing this request is to begin the recovery of OTP's share of the costs of the required environmental retrofit to the Big Stone, South Dakota generating station.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 218-739-8607 or [pbeithon@otpco.com](mailto:pbeithon@otpco.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ PETE BEITHON  
Pete Beithon  
Manager, Regulatory Recovery

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