

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Transmission Permit for the
Big Stone South to Ellendale Project

EL13-028

**APPLICANTS' FILING OF
COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITION 11:
2015 FEDERAL THREATENED AND
ENDANGERED SPECIES UPDATE**

Applicants Otter Tail Power Company and Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (“collectively Applicants”), through their attorneys, respectfully submit this filing establishing their compliance with Condition 11 of the of the facility permit for the Big Stone South to Ellendale Project (“the Project”). Condition 11 requires Applicants to “promptly report to the Commission the presence of any critical habitat of threatened or endangered species of native grasslands in the siting area that Applicant becomes aware of and that was not previously reported to the Commission.” Attached as Exhibit 1 is a memorandum, 2015 Federal Threatened and Endangered Species Update, which is provided in compliance with Condition 11.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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