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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: The application of Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Company for a permit to construct the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV Transmission Line, EL 13-028.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find the original bond ordered by the Commission in the above referenced docket. We are offering the bond for your consideration an acceptance if they are acceptable. If find the bond documents to be in order and to satisfy the Commission's expectation please accept them on behalf of the project owners. If you identify any issue with the documents please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Koeckeritz', written in a cursive style.

Al Koeckeritz

CC: Pat Murray  
Jennifer Smestad