

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

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

EL13-028

**APPLICANTS' MOTION FOR RELEASE  
OF ROAD AND PUBLIC  
INFRASTRUCTURE RESTORATION  
BOND**

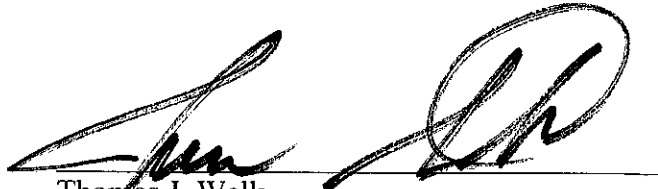
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Applicants Otter Tail Power Company and Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (“collectively Applicants”), through their attorneys, move the Public Utilities Commission for the State of South Dakota (“the Commission”) for an order releasing the bond posted by Applicants pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-38 for the Big Stone South to Ellendale Project (“the Project”).

On September 3, 2015, the Applicants submitted a bond to the Commission as required by SDCL 49-41B-38 for the Project. Through a letter dated September 9, 2015, the Commission accepted the road and public infrastructure bond (“the Bond”). According to the Commission’s September 9, 2015, letter, the Bond will be retained by the Commission until construction and restoration on the Project has been completed and release of the bond is approved by the Commission.

The construction of the Project was completed in December 2018 and the line was placed in service in February of 2019. The restoration of any road damages has been completed. Applicants have received signed releases from Brown, Day, and Grant Counties along with all townships acknowledging that all of the roads have been restored to preconstruction levels. (Exhibit A attached). As a result, Applicants respectfully request an order by the Commission releasing the Bond.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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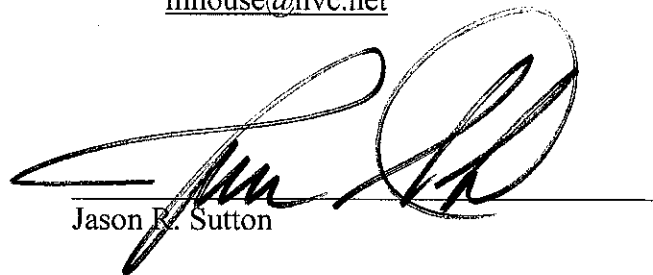
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