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Public Utility Commission,

Lake Norden Cheese has filed this Docket in the hopes to build the most energy efficient plant possible. Over the past several years Lake Norden Cheese has identified and implemented several energy efficient projects at our current cheese plant and relied on the OtterTail Power rebate programs to help offset the initial costs. Without this help, these projects would not have been approved due to the high costs and our internal project review requirements. This is why we are asking for addition dollars to ensure all high efficient options are installed up-front and retrofits are not needed later on as money becomes available.

This will not only help Lake Norden Cheese offset our electric costs, but also benefit other OtterTail Power customers by keeping electric rates low. If we build the most energy efficient plant possible this will keep the demand on the overall system low and reduce the chance that a new power plant is built or additional power is purchased through other sources. This is a true win everyone.

Sincerely,

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