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

**RE: In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for An Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of a Combustion Turbine Generator and Associated Infrastructure Including a Natural Gas Pipeline and Electric Transmission Line Near Astoria, South Dakota
Docket No. EL17-042**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) submits this informational filing regarding Condition 30 of the Settlement Stipulation in the above referenced docket for Otter Tail's Astoria Station Project. Condition 30 requires a post-construction operational noise assessment be completed based on measurements by an independent third-party noise consultant, approved by Commission Staff.

In this filing, Otter Tail is providing notice of Commission Staff's approval of CleanAir Engineering as the independent third-party consultant to conduct the Astoria Station Project noise assessment, along with the proposed test plan and qualifications that were provided to Commission Staff.

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws Section 49-34A-10 and Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Part 20:10:01:02:05, this filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission. If you have any questions, please contact me at (218) 739-8526 or mthoma@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARK THOMA
Mark Thoma
Manager, Environmental Services

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