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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1st floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070



**RE: Otter Tail Power Company – Proposed Astoria Station Project  
Permit Application for an Energy Conversion Facility**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22, Otter Tail Power Company submits the enclosed permit application for an Energy Conversion Facility. Ten copies of the application will also be delivered today. This application is being filed at least six months after filing a notification of intent for the project, which was filed on April 4, 2017 in Commission Docket EL 17-017.

The permit application includes information on all project components related to the proposed Astoria Station, including the combustion turbine generator and short segments of natural gas piping, water piping, and 345 kilovolt generation-tie line. The Company respectfully requests that the Commission make findings of fact and conclusions of law and grant a permit to construct the project on such terms and conditions as the Commission deems appropriate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (218) 739-8205 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Swanson".

William Swanson, P.E.  
Manager, Supply Engineering  
Astoria Station Project Manager

Enclosures