

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

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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

EL17-042

**AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH R. RIESTE**

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA     )  
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COUNTY OF DEUEL            )

I, Kenneth R. Rieste, being duly shown upon oath state as follows:

1. I am the publisher at the *Clear Lake Courier*, which is a weekly newspaper printed in Clear Lake, SD. The newspaper is published on the Wednesday of each week. We are the official and only newspaper for Deuel County, SD.

2. Otter Tail Power Company contacted the *Clear Lake Courier* regarding publication of notice of the public input hearing for the Astoria Station Project on October 18, 2017. Specifically, Otter Tail Power Company requested that notice be published in the *Clear Lake Courier* two consecutive weeks on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, and again on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

3. The Public Utilities Commission for the State of South Dakota ("the Commission") also requested that there be notification of the Astoria Station Project published in the *Clear Lake Courier*. The Commission requested that its notice be published on November 1, 2017.

4. Upon receipt of the request for publication by both Otter Tail Power Company and the Commission on November 1, 2017, a mistake was made by the *Clear Lake Courier*. It was not understood that both notices should be published in the paper on the same day, and due to their similarity, only one notice was published on November 1, 2017. The notice that was published was the notice provided from the Commission.

5. After discovering the mistake, and at the request of Otter Tail Power Company, the *Clear Lake Courier* published Otter Tail Power Company's second notice on November 8, 2017. As a result, notice of the public input hearing for the Astoria Station Project ran three consecutive weeks in the *Clear Lake Courier*: October 25, 2017; November 1, 2017; and November 8, 2017.

6. Attached as Exhibit A is the notice provided from Otter Tail Power Company published in the *Clear Lake Courier* on October 25, 2017.


7. Attached as Exhibit B is the notice provided from the Commission published on November 1, 2017.

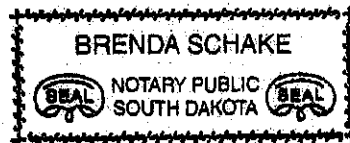
8. Attached as Exhibit C is the notice from Otter Tail Power Company published on November 8, 2017.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
Kenneth R. Rieste

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
Notary Public - South Dakota



My commission expires: 9.21.21

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jason R. Sutton, do hereby certify that I am a member of Boyce Law Firm, LLP, attorneys for Otter Tail Power Company and that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing and this Certificate of Service were served via email to the following addresses listed:

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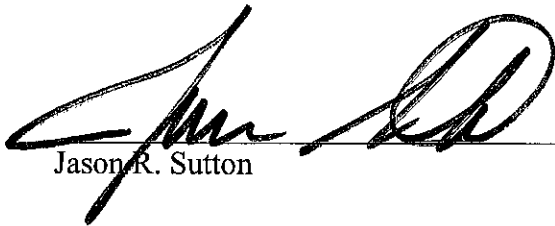
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