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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 PUBLIC – TRADE SECRET DATA HAS BEEN EXCISED

RE: IN THE MATTER OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY'S SUBMITTAL OF ITS 2022-2036 RESOURCE PLAN

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission is Otter Tail Power Company's (Otter Tail) 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Also enclosed is our Request for Confidential Treatment of Information.

The IRP identifies a Preferred Plan for meeting the capacity and energy needs of our customers over the 2022-2036 planning period. The modeling analysis supporting the selection of the Preferred Plan includes the input of numerous stakeholders and has been refined over the course of two years. In the aggregate, the Preferred Plan allows us to reduce costs, maintain and improve resiliency, while having greater control over whether or not to dispatch resources based on market conditions.

To achieve these ends the Preferred Plan includes a request for authority to add dual fuel capability at Astoria Station, add 150 MW solar generation in 2025, and to commence the process of withdrawing from our 35 percent ownership interest in Coyote Station.

This response includes information Otter Tail deems to be Confidential Information under ARSD 20:10:01:39 and is provided on the condition that it is not filed or otherwise publicly disclosed pending a determination under ARSD 20:10:01:41 and 20:10:01.42, or an agreement by the parties to this proceeding regarding its disclosure. Such Confidential Information is marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and noted where applicable as [PROTECTED DATA BEGINS... PROTECTED DATA ENDS].

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at njensen@otpco.com or (218) 739-8989.

Sincerely,

/s/ NATHAN JENSEN Nathan Jensen Manager, Resource Planning

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