



October 19, 2022

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: Informational Notice to Construct, Own, and Maintain the  
Twin Brooks Reactor as Part of the Jamestown – Ellendale  
345 kV Transmission Project**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) (collectively, the Companies) provide this informational notice to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that the Companies intend to construct, own, and maintain the Twin Brooks 345 kV reactor to be located within the existing Twin Brooks Switching Station in northeast South Dakota (Project) as part of the Jamestown – Ellendale 345 kV transmission line project.

On July 25, 2022, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO), a federally registered Planning Authority, approved an addendum to the 2021 MISO Transmission Expansion Plan (MTEP21) called the *Long Range Transmission Planning Tranche 1 Portfolio*, which included the Jamestown – Ellendale transmission line and associated facilities (LRTP-1 Project). An associated facility identified for the LRTP-1 Project was the addition of 2-345 kV, 25 MVAR shunt connected reactors at the existing Twin Brooks 345 kV Switching Station.

The Project does not require a Notice of Intent because it does not involve an “electric transmission line” as defined in S.D. Codified Laws 49-32-18, but is, rather, an upgrade at an existing switching station. As such, the Companies do not anticipate a need to file a Route Permit application for the Project because the scope of the Project does not involve any new 345 kV line and will be constructed wholly within the existing real estate parcel owned by the Companies. The Companies will follow all applicable ordinances and laws in place by the local townships and counties for the addition of the 345 kV reactors at the Twin Brooks Switching Station.

If you have any questions on the scope of the Project or need additional information, please contact either Jason Weiers, Manager, Delivery Planning at [jweiers@otpc.com](mailto:jweiers@otpc.com), 218-739-8311 or Robert Endris, Associate General Counsel at [rendris@otpc.com](mailto:rendris@otpc.com), 218-739-8234.

Sincerely,

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