

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY )  
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY AND WESTERN )  
MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY FOR )  
A FACILITY PERMIT FOR A 345-KV )  
TRANSMISSION FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED )  
FACILITIES IN GRANT COUNTY, )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**EL 24-015**

**AFFIDAVIT OF BRANDON SCHMIEG**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF GRANT            )

Brandon Schmieg, being first duly sworn upon oath, states and alleges as follows:

1. I am an owner of record of real property with the following legal descriptions  
(Property):

The E1/4 NE1/4 excluding Lots 3-5 of Schmieg Addition and excluding Lots 3A & 3B of Schmieg Addition in Section 19, Township 121 North, Range 46 West, Grant County, South Dakota,

and

The NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 20, Township 121 North, Range 46 West, Grant County, South Dakota.

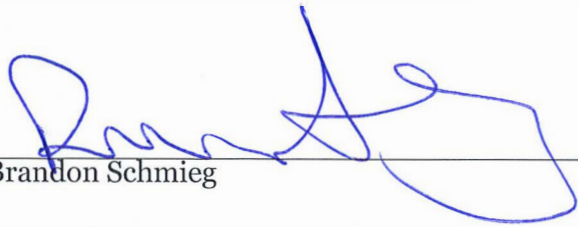
2. Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (WMMPA) have advised me that they are proposing to construct a 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line known as the Big Stone South to Alexandria 345 kV Transmission Line Project (BSSA Project), and that a portion of the BSSA Project is located in Grant County, South Dakota.

3. Otter Tail and WMMPA have advised me that a portion of the proposed route of the BSSA Project was recently adjusted, which resulted in my Property now being within one-half mile of the currently proposed BSSA Project location.

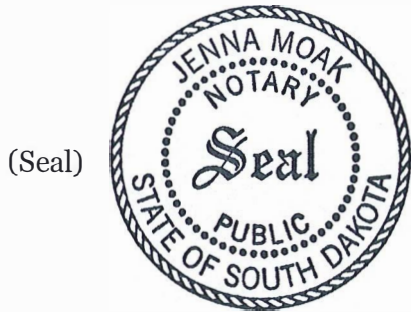
4. I acknowledge receiving notice of the route adjustment from Otter Tail and WMMPA, including a map showing the BSSA Project's currently proposed location. A copy the documentation received is attached as Exhibit A.

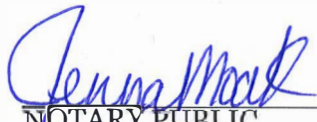
5. I do not object to the currently proposed BSSA Project location and I do not have an intent to petition to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

Dated this 25 day of November, 2024.

  
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Brandon Schmieg

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 25 day of November, 2024.



  
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NOTARY PUBLIC  
Notary Print Name: Jenna Moak  
My commission expires: 2-22-29