

**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**

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**JOINT MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT
STIPULATION**

EL24-015

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (WMMPA), through its agent, Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) (together, the Applicants), (collectively, the Parties), hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation (Joint Motion). The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all the issues between Staff and the Applicants in this proceeding.

In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all issues between Staff and the Applicants in this docket;
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all the issues between Staff and the Applicants in this docket; and
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota Law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement Stipulation and adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding between Staff and the Applicants.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2025.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY AND WESTERN
MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY,
THROUGH ITS AGENT, MISSOURI RIVER
ENERGY SERVICES

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