

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
BY OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY AND)	JOINT STIPULATION TO
WESTERN MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL)	SUSPEND PROCEDURAL
POWER AGENCY FOR A FACILITY)	SCHEDULE
PERMIT FOR A 345-KV TRANSMISSION)	
FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED)	EL24-015
FACILITIES IN GRANT COUNTY, SOUTH)	
DAKOTA)	

COMES NOW, Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and Otter Tail Power Company and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, through its agent, Missouri River Energy Services, (Applicants) and hereby file this Joint Stipulation to Continue Procedural Schedule.

This docket was opened on April 15, 2024, with the Applicants’ filing for a facility permit for a 345-kV transmission facility in Grant County, South Dakota. On June 18, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Granting Party Status to Daniel and Tamra Jurgens (Intervenor).

On September 25, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Procedural Schedule (September 25, 2024, Order) and set an evidentiary hearing to begin February 12, 2025, with Staff/Intervenor Testimony due on December 12, 2024.

Since that time, Applicants and Intervenor filed a Settlement Stipulation in which Intervenor agreed to withdraw party status in this docket. Staff and Applicants have also been in contact and while additional discussions are necessary to fully resolve this matter, Staff and Applicants agree an evidentiary hearing in this matter is highly unlikely to be necessary.

WHEREFORE, Staff and Applicants stipulate that the procedural schedule established in the Commission's September 25, 2024, Order be suspended indefinitely.

Dated this 6th day of December 2024.

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Dated this 6th day of December 2024.

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