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Via E-Filing

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
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Capitol Building, First Floor
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**Re: In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards
Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company Petition to Intervene
Docket No. EL08-028**

Dear Executive Director Van Gerpen:

Please find attached for e-filing Otter Tail Corporation, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company's Petition to Intervene in regards to the above entitled docket.

Also attached is a Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Gerhardson", written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
BG:nlo

Attachment (as stated)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Nancy L. Olson of Otter Tail Corporation hereby certifies that on the 22nd day of December, 2008, she mailed by electronic mail, a true and correct copy of Otter Tail Corporation, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company's Petition to Intervene in the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards, South Dakota Docket No. EL08-028, to the following:

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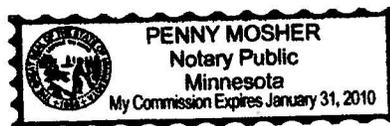


Nancy L. Olson

Subscribed and Sworn to before me a Notary Public on the 22nd day of December, 2008.



Penny Mosher



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION) EL08-028
OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS)

**OTTER TAIL CORPORATION,
D/B/A OTTER TAIL POWER
COMPANY'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Otter Tail Corporation, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") and petitions the Commission to intervene in the captioned docketed as follows:

1. Otter Tail is a public utility doing business in the State of South Dakota under SDCL Ch. 49-34A. As such, it is a South Dakota rate regulated investor-owned utility as referenced in the Commission's Order of December 16, 2008, in this docket.
2. Otter Tail has an interest in this proceeding such that by the outcome of the proceeding Otter Tail will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to Otter Tail as distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general. Specifically, Otter Tail has an interest in the adoption and implementation of the new PURPA Standards under the provisions of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Thus, Otter Tail should be permitted to intervene and participate fully as a party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Otter Tail prays that the Commission grant its petition to appear as a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2008.

OTTER TAIL CORPORATION,
D/B/A OTTER TAIL POWER
COMPANY



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