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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF GRANT

Ann Tuchscherer

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says that the Grant County Review is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Milbank, in said County of Grant and State of South Dakota, by Phyllis Justice, and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper; and that it has a bona fide circulation of more than two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said County of Grant in the English language and has been admitted to the United States mail under second class mailing privilege, for at least one year next prior to the publication of the Notice herein mentioned, and has been printed wholly in an office maintained at the said place of publication, that I, the undersigned, Bookkeeper of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed Notice of Public Hearing South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for two successive weeks, on the day of each week on which the said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. September 18 2013 (20), October 9 2013 (20).

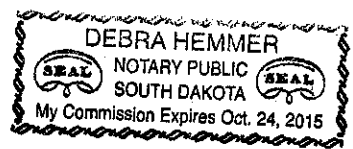
That \$ 103.45, being the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of said Notice, inures to the benefit of the publisher of the Grant County Review; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Ann Tuchscherer (Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Oct 20 13

Debra Hemmer (Signature)

Notary Public, Grant County, South Dakota



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Total \$ 103.45

WHAT: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company Big Stone South to Ellendale electric transmission line project Brown, Day, and Grant Counties, South Dakota
WHEN: Thursday, October 17, 2013, at noon, 12:00 p.m. CDT
WHERE: Centennial Rooms of the Student Center on the campus of Northern State University, 1200 South Jay Street, Aberdeen, SD. Parking available without permit in the lot along Washington Street between 12th and 14th Avenues - driving directions and map at http://www.northern.edu/about/pages/directions.aspx
WHEN: Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. CDT
WHERE: Community Room of the Milbank Visitor Center 1001 East Fourth Avenue, Milbank, SD
Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a public input hearing at the above times and places on an Application for an Energy Facility Permit filed jointly on August 23, 2013, by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company (jointly, the Applicants) for the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV Transmission Line project (Application). The Application requests Commission approval of a permit to construct a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line of approximately 150 to 160 miles in South Dakota (Project). The line will cross the South Dakota and North Dakota border in Brown County, South Dakota and extend south and east through Brown, Day, and Grant counties to the Big Stone South Substation in Grant County, South Dakota near Big Stone City. Modifications to the South Dakota Facility may occur depending on the final route permitted, land rights, and final engineering design. On August 23, 2013, Applicants also filed a Motion to Schedule Prehearing Conference. At the public input hearing, Applicants will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their questions, views and comments regarding the Application and Project. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5), the Application is on file in the Brown, Day, and Grant County Auditors' offices and in the Commission's office in Pierre, and the Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed Project maps, may also be accessed on the Commission's web site at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2013 Electric Dockets, EL13-028. The parties to this proceeding are