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Big Stone South to Ellendale

March __, 2014

ADDRESS

**RE: In the Matter of the Transmission Permit for the Big Stone South to Ellendale
Project (SD PUC Docket No. EL 13-028)
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company**

Dear NAME,

On August 23, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company filed a Facility Permit Application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the proposed Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV transmission line project. The project will be 160 miles to 170 miles long and routed between a new substation to be located near Ellendale in Dickey County, North Dakota, and the Big Stone South substation near Big Stone City in Grant County, South Dakota. The South Dakota portion will be about 150 to 160 miles long. Previous public input hearings occurred regarding the transmission line project on October 17, 2013.

The original proposed route for the transmission line project may be revised as set forth in the attached map. You are a landowner designated to receive the property tax bill of land located within one-half mile of potential proposed, revised sites for the transmission line. Therefore, you are receiving with this letter a notice of a new public input hearing, which is scheduled for May 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The date and time of the public input hearing is subject to change by the Commission. Visit the Commission's website at <http://puc.sd.gov> to view the docket in this matter, which is EL13-028, for orders addressing important deadlines and any change in date, time or location of the public input hearing.

Additional project information, including more detailed maps, is available at our website www.bssetransmissionline.com or by calling the information line 1-888-283-4678.

Sincerely,

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Otter Tail Power Company



Henry Ford
Project Developer

Dean Pawlowski
Project Developer

Enclosures:

1. Public Hearing Notice Map
2. Notice of Application; Order and Notice of Public Input Hearing; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status dated March 17, 2014