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Patricia Van Gerpen  
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500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

*Re: In the Matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company for a Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV Transmission Line Docket EL13-028*

Ms. Van Gerpen:

Commission staff has reviewed the Applicants' initial post-hearing brief and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. We generally concur with the Applicants' filing and therefore will not be filing a brief or proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Karen E. Cremer*

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