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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

Ms. Pamela Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Re: Proposed Affiliate Interest Power Purchase Agreement and Waiver of Fuel Clause

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Pursuant to ARSD part 20:10:01:02.03, Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company hereby submits its Petition along with ten copies in the above-matter.

Pursuant to ARSD part 20:10:01:41, Otter Tail requests that information included in this filing be treated as confidential and not released to the public. Enclosed with this Petition is Otter Tail's formal Request for Confidential Treatment of Information.

Given the unique nature of this filing and its relation to the expiration of the federal renewable energy production tax credit on December 31, 2005, as described in the Petition, Otter Tail is respectfully requesting that the Commission review and consider this matter no later than July 8, 2005.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

LINDQUIST & VENNUM, P.L.L.P.



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Enclosure

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