

February 15, 2006

Deb Wiik
Mayor
Big Stone City
PO Box 246
Big Stone City, SD 57216-0246

RE: In the Matter of the Application by Otter Tail Power Company on Behalf of Seven Regional Utilities for a Permit to Construct 5.45 Miles of 230 kV Transmission Line, 33 Miles of 345 kV Transmission Line, the Big Stone 345 kV Substation and Modification of the Big Stone 230 kV Substation. Docket EL06-002

Dear Mayor Wiik:

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

Sincerely,



Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director

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Jeff Engesser
Mayor
City of Gary
PO Box 127
Gary, SD 57237-0127

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Dale Aesoph
Mayor
City of Milbank
401 S Main St
Milbank, SD 57252-2424

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Yvette Johnson
Mayor
City of Reville
PO Box 4
Reville, SD 57259-0004

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Darold Hunt
Chairperson
Deuel County Commission
PO Box 616
Clear Lake, SD 57266

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Paul Dummann
Chairperson
Grant County Commission
210 E 5th St
Milbank, SD 57252

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County Auditor
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Ms. Karen M. Layher
County Auditor
Grant County Commission
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