

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**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**

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION**

EL13-028

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company, and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, collectively referred to as Parties, hereby file the above-referenced Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Parties request that the Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all the issues in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues between the Parties in Docket EL13-028.
3. The Settlement Stipulation represents the conclusion of the undersigned Parties that it is in the best interests of the Parties and the general public to reach a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this docket and that the terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just, fair and reasonable, and consistent with South Dakota Law.

For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification, and approve the permit to construct.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2014.

SD PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

By: Karen E. Cremer

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Dated this 9th day of June, 2014.

BOYCE, GREENFIELD, PASHBY & WELK,
LLP

By:

Handwritten signatures of Thomas J. Welk and Jason R. Sutton, written in black ink over a horizontal line.

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