

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

In the Matter of the Transmission Permit for the
Big Stone South to Ellendale Project

EL13-028

**PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES**

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company (collectively “the Applicants”), filed an Application for a facility permit for the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line (“the Application”) in the above entitled docket. The Application came before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota (the “Commission”) for a contested case hearing under SDCL Ch. 1-26 on June 10 and 11, 2014. Based upon the evidence presented to the Commission, and the oral and written arguments of counsel, the Commission entered findings of fact and conclusions of law dated _____, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully restated in this order. Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Applicants are granted a permit to construct the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line in Brown, Day and Grant Counties subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Amended Settlement Stipulation filed with the Commission on June 20, 2014.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2014.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Gary Hanson, Chairman

Chris Nelson, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen, Commissioner