

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
Docket No: EL14-082

Response to: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Analyst: SDPUC Staff
Date Received: 10/03/2014
Date Due: 10/17/2014
Date of Response: 10/14/2014
Responding Witness: Peter J. Beithon, Manager, Regulatory Recovery - (218) 739-8607

Information Request:

Regarding the Hoot Lake environmental retrofit,

- a. Was this retrofit approved in Minnesota? Please explain and provide the relevant references/documents with this response.
- b. Was this retrofit approved in North Dakota? Please explain and provide the relevant references/documents with this response.

Attachments: 0

Response:

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- b. Otter Tail is not required to file a resource plan in North Dakota. The Baseload Diversification Study on Hoot Lake Plant referred to above was, however, filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC). It was an informational filing that did not require or receive PSC approval. Otter Tail Power Company representatives travelled to Bismarck, ND and went through the plan to retrofit Hoot Lake Plant with environmental controls with the PSC. The PSC was unanimously in favor of the Company's plan.

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