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July 21, 2025

Mr. Mike Bull
Interim Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

**RE: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Minnesota Major Service Interruption Reporting per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
Docket No. E017/M-25-
Report**

Dear Mr. Bull:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) respectfully submits this report in accordance with Minnesota Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2, detailing the major service interruption that occurred on June 20–21, 2025. This event resulted in outages affecting more than ten percent of our Minnesota customer base for a duration exceeding 24 hours.

1. Overview of the Event

On the evening of June 20, 2025, a severe weather system advanced from our North Dakota service area into Minnesota, impacting a broad swath of our Minnesota territory. Communities from Fergus Falls to Crookston to Bemidji experienced widespread outages. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the National Weather Service, wind gusts ranged from 65 to 85 mph throughout the region area, with a peak gust of 106 mph recorded at the Bemidji Airport. These straight-line winds caused extensive damage to transmission and distribution infrastructure, particularly in the Bemidji area. Minnesota Governor Walz visited Bemidji following the storm and declared a peacetime emergency, directing state agencies to provide additional assistance to support recovery efforts.¹

2. Restoration Efforts

Otter Tail Power initiated restoration efforts immediately upon confirmation that conditions were safe for field operations. Local management promptly deployed crews to begin damage assessments across affected areas.

As assessment data was received, leadership coordinated the mobilization of additional personnel from other Customer Service Centers to support restoration activities.

¹ Press Release from the Office of [Governor Tim Walz](https://mn.gov/governor/newsroom/press-releases/?id=1055-694962), June 27, 2025 (available at <https://mn.gov/governor/newsroom/press-releases/?id=1055-694962>) last visited July 17, 2025.

Restoration priorities were guided by a strategy to maximize the number of customers/communities brought back online as quickly as possible and address high priority safety concerns. We restored power at the transmission level and worked to the distribution feeder level, but nested outages remained that required further attention. The nested outages were restored as customers that needed electrician work before the location could be energized were completed.

The table below illustrates our outage and restoration times. The restoration times indicate when feeders were re-energized, though nested outages persisted. Our customer impact is represented as "Electric Service Endpoints," reflecting the service endpoint at each location.

CSC	Feeder	Electric Service Endpoints Affected on Feeder	Initial Start Time	Feeder Restoration
Fergus Falls	Otter East Outlet	2	6/20/2025 22:32:49	6/21/2025 06:20:02
Crookston	CLIMAX - MAIN FEEDER: ELDRED	12	6/20/2025 22:49:41	6/21/2025 01:42:58
Crookston	Climax - MAIN FEEDER: CLIMAX	157	6/20/2025 22:55:03	6/21/2025 01:42:15
Crookston	NIELSVILLE- MAIN FEEDER	5	6/20/2025 22:55:03	6/21/2025 01:42:15
Bemidji	Twin Valley-Main Feeder	451	6/20/2025 23:34:33	6/22/2025 21:38:32
Bemidji	WAUBUN - MAIN FEEDER	218	6/20/2025 23:34:56	6/21/2025 05:05:49
Bemidji	Winger-Main Feeder	146	6/20/2025 23:34:56	6/21/2025 05:14:08
Bemidji	BEJOU - MAIN FEEDER	73	6/20/2025 23:34:56	6/21/2025 04:55:21
Crookston	Red Lake Falls East - North Feeder	168	6/20/2025 23:36:00	6/21/2025 08:56:06
Crookston	Red Lake Falls East - ST HILAIRE	48	6/20/2025 23:36:00	6/21/2025 08:56:06
Bemidji	MAHNOMEN - NORTH OCR 2	307	6/20/2025 23:41:17	6/21/2025 06:30:48
Bemidji	MAHNOMEN - DOWNTOWN OCR 1	271	6/20/2025 23:41:17	6/21/2025 06:30:48
Bemidji	MAHNOMEN - CASINO OCR 3	184	6/20/2025 23:41:17	6/21/2025 06:30:48
Bemidji	CALLAWAY - MAIN FEEDER	1	6/20/2025 23:58:30	6/21/2025 22:03:38
Bemidji	OGEMA - MAIN FEEDER	263	6/21/2025 00:00:29	6/21/2025 07:18:48
Bemidji	OGEMA - WHITE EARTH	3	6/21/2025 00:00:29	6/21/2025 07:18:48

Fergus Falls	Pelican Rapids West-East Feeder	379	6/21/2025 00:05:46	6/21/2025 02:41:11
Crookston	ANGUS-ROAN-MAIN FEEDER	54	6/21/2025 00:12:52	6/21/2025 06:11:38
Crookston	RUSH OTTERTAIL LAKE - SOUTH FEEDER	2	6/21/2025 00:12:52	6/21/2025 06:10:54
Crookston	FISHER - MAIN FEEDER	238	6/21/2025 00:12:53	6/21/2025 05:57:05
Crookston	Ross Rural - MAIN FEEDER	26	6/21/2025 00:12:53	6/21/2025 07:15:44
Crookston	Fanny Rural - Main Feeder	2	6/21/2025 00:12:53	6/21/2025 07:15:44
Crookston	CROOKSTON PARK VIEW - WEST EAST	1435	6/21/2025 00:17:51	6/21/2025 22:35:18
Crookston	CROOKSTON SOUTH MAIN - CRESCENT	808	6/21/2025 00:17:51	6/22/2025 12:58:29
Crookston	CROOKSTON BARRETTE STREET - NORT	603	6/21/2025 00:17:51	6/21/2025 15:24:05
Crookston	CROOKSTON PARK VIEW - U OF M	172	6/21/2025 00:17:51	6/21/2025 10:55:00
Crookston	CROOKSTON SOUTH MAIN - HOSPITAL	6	6/21/2025 00:17:51	6/21/2025 10:55:00
Crookston	CROOKSTON BARRETTE STREET - SOUT	91	6/21/2025 00:18:12	6/21/2025 03:37:40
Crookston	HARVEY NORTH - WEST FEEDER	2	6/21/2025 00:18:12	6/21/2025 03:37:40
Crookston	Harold - MAIN FEEDER	16	6/21/2025 00:22:31	6/21/2025 04:57:06
Crookston	Red Lake Falls Southwest - DETRO	237	6/21/2025 00:30:58	6/21/2025 01:50:25
Crookston	Red Lake Falls Southwest - SOUTH	4	6/21/2025 00:30:58	6/21/2025 01:50:25
Bemidji	Shevlin-Main Feeder	105	6/21/2025 00:31:51	6/21/2025 01:55:48
Fergus Falls	ELIZABETH-CARLISLE RURAL FEEDER	63	6/21/2025 00:32:39	6/21/2025 13:41:00
Bemidji	SOLWAY-MAIN FEEDER	50	6/21/2025 00:35:53	6/21/2025 03:29:46
Bemidji	BEMIDJI IND PARK-NYMORE	1284	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/24/2025 22:45:52
Bemidji	BEMIDJI NYMORE-LAVINIA	811	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/24/2025 22:00:00
Bemidji	BEMIDJI NYMORE-EAST DOWNTOWN	87	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/25/2025 18:02:03
Bemidji	BEMIDJI HYDRO-MAIN FEEDER	53	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/24/2025 20:00:00
Bemidji	BEMIDJI IND PARK-INDUSTRIAL PARK	56	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/21/2025 22:16:38

Bemidji	BEMIDJI NYMORE - East Express	26	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/24/2025 22:36:35
Bemidji	BEMIDJI NYMORE-NYMORE	30	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/22/2025 22:00:53
Bemidji	FRAZEE - RURAL FEEDER	1	6/21/2025 00:38:44	6/22/2025 22:00:25
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 25TH ST-EAST	941	6/21/2025 00:41:03	6/25/2025 15:47:06
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 115KV SUB-DOWNTOWN	707	6/21/2025 00:41:03	6/25/2025 18:02:03
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 25TH ST - HOSPITAL	481	6/21/2025 00:41:03	6/25/2025 15:06:16
Bemidji	BEMIDJI NYMORE-BREC	37	6/21/2025 00:41:03	6/22/2025 05:55:27
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 25TH ST- MALL	592	6/21/2025 00:42:09	6/22/2025 12:30:00
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 115KV SUB-SOUTH LAKE IRV	683	6/21/2025 00:42:09	6/24/2025 23:43:09
Bemidji	BEMIDJI AIRPORT-HWY 2	420	6/21/2025 00:42:09	6/22/2025 17:04:00
Bemidji	BEMIDJI AIRPORT-EAST 15TH STREET	279	6/21/2025 00:42:09	6/24/2025 23:49:55
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 16TH ST SUB-	18	6/21/2025 00:42:29	6/24/2025 23:43:09
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 115KV SUB-HIGH SCHOOL	2	6/21/2025 00:42:29	6/21/2025 22:28:44
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 25TH ST- NORTH	1119	6/21/2025 00:42:33	6/25/2025 19:38:01
Bemidji	WILTON MN-MAIN FEEDER	150	6/21/2025 00:42:33	6/22/2025 07:24:00
Bemidji	BEMIDJI 25TH ST- BIRCHMONT	38	6/21/2025 00:42:34	6/22/2025 18:06:16
Bemidji	BEMIDJI STATE U- MAIN FEEDER	1	6/21/2025 00:43:38	6/23/2025 12:08:45
Bemidji	BEMIDJI AIRPORT-AIRPORT	59	6/21/2025 00:44:54	6/22/2025 20:42:00
Fergus Falls	FERGUS BUSE- NORTHWEST FEEDER	1394	6/21/2025 01:01:38	6/21/2025 04:32:18
Fergus Falls	FERGUS BUSE - SOUTH LINCOLN	44	6/21/2025 01:01:38	6/21/2025 04:08:16
Fergus Falls	FERGUS EDGETOWN 115- COLLEGE FEEDER	1	6/21/2025 01:01:38	6/21/2025 04:08:16
Fergus Falls	FERGUS BUSE - SOUTHWEST	4	6/21/2025 01:05:15	6/21/2025 04:13:18
Bemidji	Cass Lake - South Feeder	363	6/21/2025 01:12:23	6/22/2025 15:00:00
Bemidji	Cass Lake - North Feeder	250	6/21/2025 01:12:23	6/22/2025 15:00:00

Fergus Falls	Aurdal Rural-Wall Lake - Aurdal	23	6/21/2025 01:24:34	6/21/2025 06:49:14
Fergus Falls	Otter Outlet North	181	6/21/2025 01:30:02	6/22/2025 12:36:00
Fergus Falls	PARKERS PRAIRIE - EAST FEEDER	2	6/21/2025 01:30:02	6/21/2025 05:36:00
Fergus Falls	DAYTON HOLLOW RURAL - MAIN FEEDER	70	6/21/2025 01:34:08	6/21/2025 09:47:10
Fergus Falls	PERHAM -#1 - OCR NORTH	6	6/21/2025 01:43:50	6/21/2025 04:58:08
Bemidji	FERTILE-NORTH FEEDER	374	6/21/2025 02:15:40	6/21/2025 05:08:22
Bemidji	FERTILE-SOUTH FEEDER	139	6/21/2025 02:15:40	6/21/2025 05:09:02
Morris	KENSINGTON - MAIN FEEDER	191	6/21/2025 02:17:49	6/21/2025 06:00:00
Bemidji	GARY MN - MAIN FEEDER	131	6/21/2025 02:23:50	6/21/2025 05:09:57
Bemidji	ERSKINE - WEST OCR 1	310	6/21/2025 03:05:29	6/21/2025 06:16:39
Crookston	BROOKS - MAIN FEEDER	75	6/21/2025 03:05:29	6/21/2025 06:16:45
Bemidji	ERSKINE - EAST OCR 2	35	6/21/2025 03:05:29	6/21/2025 06:16:39
Bemidji	MENTOR - MAIN FEEDER	343	6/21/2025 03:05:30	6/21/2025 11:14:04
Bemidji	McINTOSH - MAIN FEEDER	2	6/21/2025 03:05:43	6/21/2025 18:54:00
Fergus Falls	ROTHSAY - MAIN FEEDER	202	6/21/2025 03:44:43	6/21/2025 04:34:01
Fergus Falls	VINING - MAIN FEEDER	10	6/21/2025 05:15:52	6/21/2025 10:49:56
Crookston	CROOKSTON CRYSTAL SUGAR – MAIN FEEDER	2	6/21/2025 06:58:28	6/21/2025 19:33:00

During the restoration, Otter Tail Power management and departmental representatives met regularly to provide updates, estimated timelines, coordinating resources and labor, and communications for our customers. The meetings also included discussions on the material and equipment needed for the restoration.

At the peak of the response, over 90 employees were engaged in the restoration efforts in Bemidji, including more than 80 field personnel and support staff from safety, administrative, and operational departments. In addition, nearly 15 external contracted resources including vegetation management professionals were also in Bemidji helping with Restoration.

During the restoration efforts in Minnesota, Otter Tail Power linemen replaced more than 500 poles.



3. Operational Improvements and Future Mitigation

Otter Tail Power is actively reviewing the operational response to this event to identify opportunities for improvement. This includes evaluating restoration logistics and workforce deployment strategies that will be discussed during storm debrief meetings and lessons learned discussions. These lessons learned will be memorialized and utilized for future events.

The Company continues its efforts to improve asset resilience through implementation of replacement and undergrounding programs. These are discussed in more detail in Otter Tail's Integrated Distribution Plan, MNPUC Docket No. E017/M-23-380.

The photographs below depict the damage and restoration efforts in Bemidji.













We have electronically filed this document with the Commission and copies have been served on all parties on the attached service list. A Certificate of Service is also enclosed.

Please contact me at 218-739-8443 or ckremeier@otpc.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ COLLIN KREMEIER

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Customer Care Administration and Outage Management Supervisor

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

**RE: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Minnesota Major Service Interruption Reporting per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
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I, Anahita Narimani, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the following, or a summary thereof, on Mike Bull and Sharon Ferguson by e-filing, and to all other persons on the attached service list by electronic service or by First Class Mail.

**Otter Tail Power Company
Report**

Dated this **21st** day of **July, 2025**.

/s/ ANAHITA NARIMANI
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2	Ray	Choquette	rchoquette@agp.com	Ag Processing Inc.		12700 West Dodge Road PO Box 2047 Omaha NE, 68103-2047 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
3	Generic	Commerce Attorneys	commerce.attorneys@ag.state.mn.us		Office of the Attorney General - Department of Commerce	445 Minnesota Street Suite 1400 St. Paul MN, 55101 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
4	Sharon	Ferguson	sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us		Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 280 Saint Paul MN, 55101-2198 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
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7	Adam	Heinen	aheinen@dakotaelectric.com	Dakota Electric Association		4300 220th St W Farmington MN, 55024 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
8	Nick	Kaneski	nick.kaneski@enbridge.com	Enbridge Energy Company, Inc.		11 East Superior St Ste 125 Duluth MN, 55802 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule

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11	Andrew	Moratzka	andrew.moratzka@stoel.com	Stoel Rives LLP		33 South Sixth St Ste 4200 Minneapolis MN, 55402 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
12	Matthew	Olsen	molsen@otpc.com	Otter Tail Power Company		215 South Cascade Street Fergus Falls MN, 56537 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
13	Generic Notice	Regulatory	regulatory_filing_coordinators@otpc.com	Otter Tail Power Company		215 S. Cascade Street Fergus Falls MN, 56537 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
14	Generic Notice	Residential Utilities Division	residential.utilities@ag.state.mn.us		Office of the Attorney General - Residential Utilities Division	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul MN, 55101-2131 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2
15	Cary	Stephenson	cstephenson@otpc.com	Otter Tail Power Company		215 South Cascade Street Fergus Falls MN, 56537 United States	Electronic Service		No	Otter Tail Power Company's Major Service Interruption Report per Minn. Rule 7826.0700, subpart 2

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2	Ray	Choquette	rchoquette@agp.com	Ag Processing Inc.		12700 West Dodge Road PO Box 2047 Omaha NE, 68103-2047 United States	Electronic Service		No	Official 25-30
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12	Matthew	Olsen	molsen@otpc.com	Otter Tail Power Company		215 South Cascade Street Fergus Falls MN, 56537 United States	Electronic Service		No	Official 25-30
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