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January 31, 2024



Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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**RE: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Annual Adjustment, Rate Schedule 13.05  
Docket No. E017/M-23-152  
Supplemental Filing**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or the Company) submits to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this supplemental filing to provide additional evidence and information to its initial petition for the Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Docket No. E017/M-23-152. Otter Tail provides additional information showing the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV project is an approved facility within MTEP.

At the MISO 3<sup>rd</sup> West Subregional Planning meeting held on September 17, 2023, MISO presented the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV facility to stakeholders.<sup>1</sup> In addition, MISO documented the ownership change that was occurring between Otter Tail and Minnkota Power Cooperative (Minnkota Power) on this facility, along with documenting the facility being moved from Minnkota project #17424 to the Otter Tail project #4232, which is an approved project and was approved in MTEP19. The provided 20230907 WSPM NWMN MTEP23 screenshot also shows the information on the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV facility provided at the West Subregional Planning meeting.

After MISO presented on the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV facility, the facility was approved and added to Otter Tail project #4232, which is an Appendix A approved MISO project. MISO maintains the most current and up-to-date information on MTEP projects and facilities in its MTEP Planning Portal. Otter Tail has provided a screenshot from the MISO MTEP Planning Portal of MTEP project #4232, which shows it is an approved Appendix A project and contains facility #24554, which is the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV facility. The MTEP Planning Portal is accessible to the public, and non-confidential information is available publicly. The instructions to gain access to the MISO Planning Portal are available on the MISO website<sup>2</sup> if additional information is desired on any MTEP project.

The project was approved on December 7, 2023. The reasoning for the screenshot in place of Otter Tail's usual methodology for proof of approval was due to the apparently inadvertent exclusion of the project's write up from the MTEP23 report. Rather than reissue or update the MTEP23 report, MISO

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<sup>1</sup> Slide 13 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> West Subregional Planning meeting shows the information regarding the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV facility.

<sup>2</sup> Instructions to access the MISO Planning Portal for the most up-to-date information on MTEP projects is located at [KA-01366 \(misoenergy.org\)](https://www.misoenergy.org/KA-01366).

moved the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV to OTP's previously approved project #4232. If there are any further questions or concerns regarding the approval status of the Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV facility, please contact Otter Tail and a meeting can be arranged with MISO to provide further information. With the MISO approval of this facility, Otter Tail satisfies the missing eligibility criteria as stated in the Response Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources Dock No. E017/M-23-152 dated November 13, 2023, referencing the Department Comments, Comments, § 216B.16, subd. 7b(a)(2) explaining eligibility criteria.

A Certificate of Service is enclosed. Otter Tail has served a copy of this filing on all parties listed on the enclosed Service List.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 218-739-8774 or [ldonofrio@otpc.com](mailto:ldonofrio@otpc.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ *LAUREN DONOFRIO*

Lauren Donofrio

Senior Associate General Counsel - Regulatory

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## Project - Update



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## Project Details

### Project Overview

Project Name \*

NW Minnesota Projects

Submitting TO \*

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

MTEP Project ID \*

4232

Transmission Owner(s)

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

Project Description \*

Winger Sub expansion to accommodate 2nd 230-115 kV transformer, 115 kV capacitors at Donaldson and Thief River Falls, automatic UVLS at Crookston, Donaldson, and Plummer by early 2020. Replace disconnects and Winger and switch at Plummer 115 kV to increase facility ratings.

System Need

Support Load Growth in North West Minnesota with a new 230 kV source -

### MTEP Cycle

Target MTEP Cycle \*

MTEP19

Target Appendix \*

A

Current Appendix

A

Board Approved Date

12/12/2019

### Cost

Current Cost

Sum of all estimated facility costs at completion.

\$17,226,688.00

Cost Variance (\$)

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Cost at MTEP Approval

—

Cost Variance (%)

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Project Type \*

BRP

State(s)

MN; ND

Alternative

Select if the project is submitted as an alternative project.

☒ No ☐ Yes

☐ Expedited Project Review (EPR)

Planning Region \*

West

MOD Project

☒ No ☐ Yes

NTA Eligibility

Project Last Modified On

1/12/2024

TO Project ID

OTP

## Lifecycle Status

Need Date

11/30/2023



Planning Status

M2 - Appendix A Approved

ISD at MTEP Approval

9/1/2024

Expected ISD

9/1/2024

ISD Variance (months)

0

## General

Max kV

230

Project Latitude

Min kV

115

Project Longitude

## Lifecycle Status

Need Date

11/30/2023

Planning Status

M2 - Appendix A Approved

ISD at MTEP Approval

9/1/2024

Expected ISD

9/1/2024

ISD Variance (months)

0

## General

Max kV

230

Project Latitude

Min kV

115

Project Longitude

## Facility Details

Facility Details

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Name	Facility ID	Current Cost	Expected ISD	Planning Status	Created On ↓	
24554-Lake Ardoch 115 kV-Oslo 115 kV	24554	\$5,900,000	9/1/2024	M2 - Appendix A Approved	10/6/2023 11:41 AM	<a href="#">EDIT DETAILS</a>
24394-Thief River 115-	24394	\$1,000,000	12/31/2019	Withdrawn	10/6/2023 11:41 AM	<a href="#">EDIT DETAILS</a>
24392-Crookston 41.6-	24392	\$20,000	10/10/2019	M4 - Project in Service	10/6/2023 11:41 AM	<a href="#">EDIT DETAILS</a>
24393-Donaldson 115-	24393	\$526,000	11/30/2019	Withdrawn	10/6/2023 11:41 AM	<a href="#">EDIT DETAILS</a>

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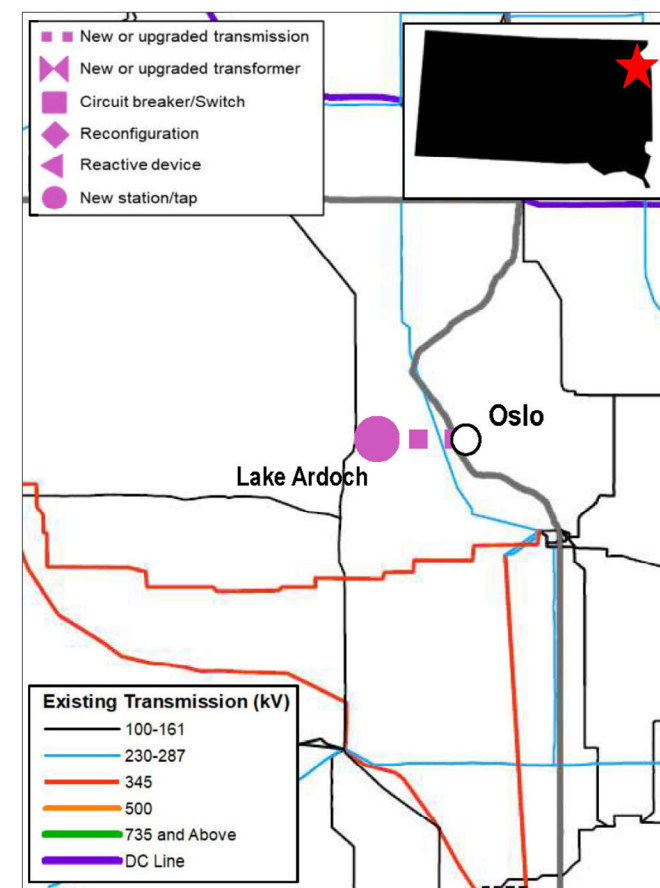
# OTP – 4232 NW Minnesota Projects

## Project description

- Move Lake Ardoch – Oslo 115 kV line from MPC project #17424 to OTP project #4232. During ownership discussions, this 115 kV line has changed ownership from MPC to OTP. MPC is not a full MISO member, so the line is being moved from the MPC portion of the project to the OTP portion approved in MTEP19.
- The Oslo 115 kV breaker station is included within OTP project #4232 and the Lake Ardoch 230/115 kV substation will remain in MPC project #17424.

## System Needs

- Support Load Growth in Northwest Minnesota with a new 230 kV source.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$5.9M (line portion only)
- **Expected ISD:** 9/1/2024
- **Target Appendix:** A in MTEP23



## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, Valerie Moxness, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the following, or a summary thereof, on Will Seuffert 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  
Supplemental Filing**

Dated this 31st day of January, 2024.

/s/ Valerie Moxness  
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