

November 27, 2017

Daniel P. Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Continuing Business with Nalco Water, an Affiliated Interest of Otter Tail Power Company Docket No. E017/AI-17-682 Reply Comments

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) is filing this letter as its Reply Comments in response to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resource's (Department) November 9, 2017 Comments in the above-referenced matter.

Otter Tail agrees with the Comments of the Department, in which it recommended that the Commission approve Otter Tail's continuing arrangement with Nalco under Minn. Stat. § 216B.48.

The Department also requested Otter Tail to provide a copy of the 2017 bidding proposals for the Coyote Station water treatment program or a summary thereof. Currently Coyote Station personnel are evaluating the details of the bids received from suppliers participating in the bidding process and are continuing to ask questions to refine the bids. Once the bidding process is complete, Otter Tail will provide the bidding proposals, or a summary thereof, to the Commission in this docket.

Otter Tail has electronically filed these Reply Comments with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and is serving a copy on all persons on the official service list for this docket. A Certificate of Service is also enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 218-739-8657 or at molsen@otpco.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ MATTHEW J. OLSEN Matthew J. Olsen, Manager Regulatory Proceedings & Compliance

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