STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs Otter Tail Power Company Complaint

Case No. PU-20-356

NOTICE OF HEARING

November 9, 2020

Please take notice that a public hearing on Case No. PU-20-356 will begin Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. CST, in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.

On July 29, 2020, Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Nodak) filed a complaint that Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) threatens to extend its system to serve a customer in T159N,R51W,S26, McFarland's Addition, Pembina County, ND without first obtaining a certificate from the Commission that public convenience and necessity require an extension of service. This service location was recently annexed into the corporate limits of the city of Drayton

Nodak further alleges this system extension by OTP would interfere with Nodak's service and system and would be a wasteful duplication of facilities.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

- 1. From whom does the customer prefer electric service?
- 2. What electric suppliers are operating in the general area?
- 3. What electric supply lines exist within at least a two-mile radius of the location to be served, and when were they constructed?
- 4. What customers are served by electric suppliers within at least a two-mile radius of the location to be served?
- 5. What are the differences, if any, between the electric suppliers available to serve the area with respect to reliability of service?
- 6. Which of the available electric suppliers will be able to serve the location in question more economically and still earn an adequate return on its investment?
- 7. Which supplier's extended electric service would best serve orderly and economic development of electric service in the general area?
- 8. Would approval of the applications result in wasteful duplication of investment or service?
- 9. Is it probable that the location in question will be included within the corporate limits of a municipality within the foreseeable future?
- 10. Will service by either of the electric supplier in the area unreasonably interfere with the service or system of the other?

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