

News release



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Otter Tail Power Company invests in future workforce through scholarships

FERGUS FALLS, April 27, 2007 “A study of changing demographics in rural North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota compared with our company’s potential retirements told us that we need to invest in our industry’s current and future workforce,” said Cris Kling, who oversees Otter Tail Power Company’s charitable contributions program called Community Connections. “As a result, our Community Connections giving program is placing special emphasis on scholarships for students studying to become line and plant workers, various industrial technicians such as welders and maintenance workers, and electrical and mechanical engineers.”

Otter Tail Power Company sponsors scholarship for students pursuing these areas of study at Bismarck State College, Lake Area Technical Institute at Watertown, Minnesota West Community and Technical College at Canby, Mitchell Technical Institute, North Dakota State University in Fargo, South Dakota State University at Brookings, the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, and Minnesota State Community and Technical College at Fergus Falls, Moorhead, and Wadena. Contact these schools directly for scholarship information.

“Our Community Connections program is part of Otter Tail Power Company’s continuing tradition of making a difference and being involved in the places where we live and work,” said Kling. In addition to education, other focus areas for the company’s charitable giving program are health and human services, arts and culture, community enhancement, and environmental education, preservation, and conservation.

Otter Tail Power Company and its employees gave approximately \$600,000 to about 900 charitable organizations in more than 250 communities throughout the company’s service territory in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota during 2006. The company gives preference to projects and programs that its employees support, that allow the company to make a sustainable impact, and that provide opportunities to collaborate with customers and key nongovernmental and community organizations.

Nonprofit organizations may apply to Otter Tail Power Company’s Customer Service Centers, who make local donations decisions. Or, if a potential grant would benefit a larger portion of the company’s service area, organizations may apply to Otter Tail Power Company’s Community Connections program, for which a team of employees meets four times a year to make contributions decisions. Upcoming deadlines are

June 1, September 1, and December 1, 2007. Guidelines and applications are available at www.otpco.com or by contacting Becky Luhning, Community Connections liaison, at 218-739-8206 or bluhning@otpco.com.

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