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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 OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY'S SUBMITTAL OF ITS
2017-2031 RESOURCE PLAN
MN Docket No. E017/RP-16-386**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") hereby submits its 2016 Resource Plan filing to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. The plan identifies how Otter Tail proposes to meet the capacity and energy needs of its customers over the 2017-2031 planning period.

Otter Tail has worked closely with stakeholders and regulators over the last year to develop a straight-forward plan that meets the requirements of these groups and at the same time keeps customer's rates as low as possible. The preferred plan includes an addition of a 248 MW simple cycle natural gas combustion turbine plus an additional 200 MW of wind as a replacement for the retiring Hoot Lake Plant. In addition, Otter Tail has included an energy efficiency goal of 1.5% and will add 30 MW of solar to meet Minnesota's Solar Energy Standard. The renewable additions included in the preferred plan will bring the nameplate rating of our current renewable energy generation to approximately 475 MW or about 30% of retail MWH sales.

Enclosed please find 15 copies of the filing and a Certificate of Service. Also enclosed is the original document as an unbound single-sided copy of the filing. Otter Tail has also provided copies to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, Office of the Attorney General – Anti-Trust & Utilities Division, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and member agencies as well as all other parties on the attached Service List pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7843.0300. The Public version will soon be posted on the Company's website at www.otpc.com.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at bhdraxten@otpc.com or (218) 739-8417.

Sincerely,

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