



Otter Tail Power Company executing multiple projects in area *Astoria Station and transmission infrastructure construction beginning*

Fergus Falls, MN, May 10, 2019: Otter Tail Power Company is executing multiple projects in northeastern South Dakota to continue providing its customers with reliable, affordable energy.

This week crews began clearing trees and completing other preparation for Astoria Station construction, which will begin in June. The station, near Astoria, South Dakota, will be a highly efficient simple-cycle natural gas combustion turbine with 245 megawatts of capacity and will provide energy during periods of high demand. "During the 13-month construction period, we estimate that the project will create an average of 50 construction jobs, with a peak of 70 during the height of construction," said Supply Engineering Manager Kirk Phinney with Otter Tail Power Company. "This will equate to approximately \$30 million in construction labor costs. And, when complete, the station will require two to three full-time employees to operate it."

Otter Tail Power Company also is building a 345-kV switching station near the Big Stone South to Brookings County 345-kV Transmission Line. The switching station will serve as an interconnection point for generation projects in the area, including Astoria Station. Crews will begin grading the site later this month and construction activity will continue throughout the year.

Otter Tail Power company representatives are pursuing permits and easements for the construction of a new 40-mile 115-kV transmission line from Lake Norden to Toronto, South Dakota. The company expects to begin constructing the line in late June and to energize it in early 2021. "We're investing in this infrastructure primarily to improve reliability in the southern part of our service area," said Delivery Maintenance Manager Todd Langston with Otter Tail Power Company.

"We continue to make system upgrades to meet our customers' expectations, enhance operational efficiency, and improve reliability and safety," said Langston.

Otter Tail Power Company, a subsidiary of Otter Tail Corporation (NASDAQ Global Select Market: OTTR), is headquartered in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. With a balanced commitment to environmental, economic, and community stewardship, the company provides electricity and energy services to more than a quarter million people in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. To learn more about Otter Tail Power Company visit otpc.com. To learn more about Otter Tail Corporation visit ottertail.com.

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