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Mr. Steve M. Mihalchick  
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Judge Mihalchick:

My name is Cris Kling. I am the director of public relations for Otter Tail Power Company with special communication duties for Big Stone II. Consequently, I'm in a position to understand things about this project that give me confidence as a private citizen that this project is prudent for our region's environment and economy. I write today from that viewpoint—as a private citizen—in support of Big Stone II.

I am proud of the environmental control equipment to be built and shared with the existing Big Stone Plant. While energy production at the site would more than double, total emissions of all regulated pollutants—sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and mercury—from the two plants would be lower than they are today from the existing plant alone. I also am proud that the new plant would emit about 20 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than existing coal-fired plants in the region and that we have taken other steps to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions.

About the same time that we would be building Big Stone II, the participating utilities also plan to add an additional 850 megawatts of wind energy to their generation mix. Otter Tail Power Company alone plans to add more than 160 megawatts of wind energy by 2015. The participating utilities also have proposed to build a larger transmission line than needed for Big Stone II in order to facilitate wind development in the transmission-constrained but windy southwest corner of the state. I'm proud to work for a company that will make that kind of commitment to renewable energy.

But these are the talking points for the project. I'm sure you've already heard them. So try this: On Thursday, December 7, Minnesota prices for off-peak electricity in the LMP market, hours 1 through 6, were \$173 a megawatt-hour! Low-cost surplus energy rarely is available for purchase any more. The region needs new resources to meet demand. By adding 630 megawatts of low-cost electricity, Big Stone II will help to manage the rates that Minnesota customers pay for electricity. I have neighbors, some of whom rely on the deer they get during hunting season for meat to feed their families all year, who need this.

For these reasons I urge you to support the approval of the Big Stone II application for a transmission Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

  
Cris Kling



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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company and Others for Certification of Transmission Facilities in Western Minnesota**  
MPUC Dkt.No.CN-05-619  
**OAH No. 12-2500-17037-2**

**In the Matter of the Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a Route Permit for the Big Stone Transmission Project in Western Minnesota**  
PUC Docket No. E017/TR-05-1275  
**OAH Docket No. 12-2500-17038-2**

Dear Judge Neilson and Judge Mihalchick:

Enclosed for filing into the record of the above matter, please find five separate comment letters with multiple signatures of students who attend Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Each of the five letters is double-sided. The letters were received on December 11, 2006 by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

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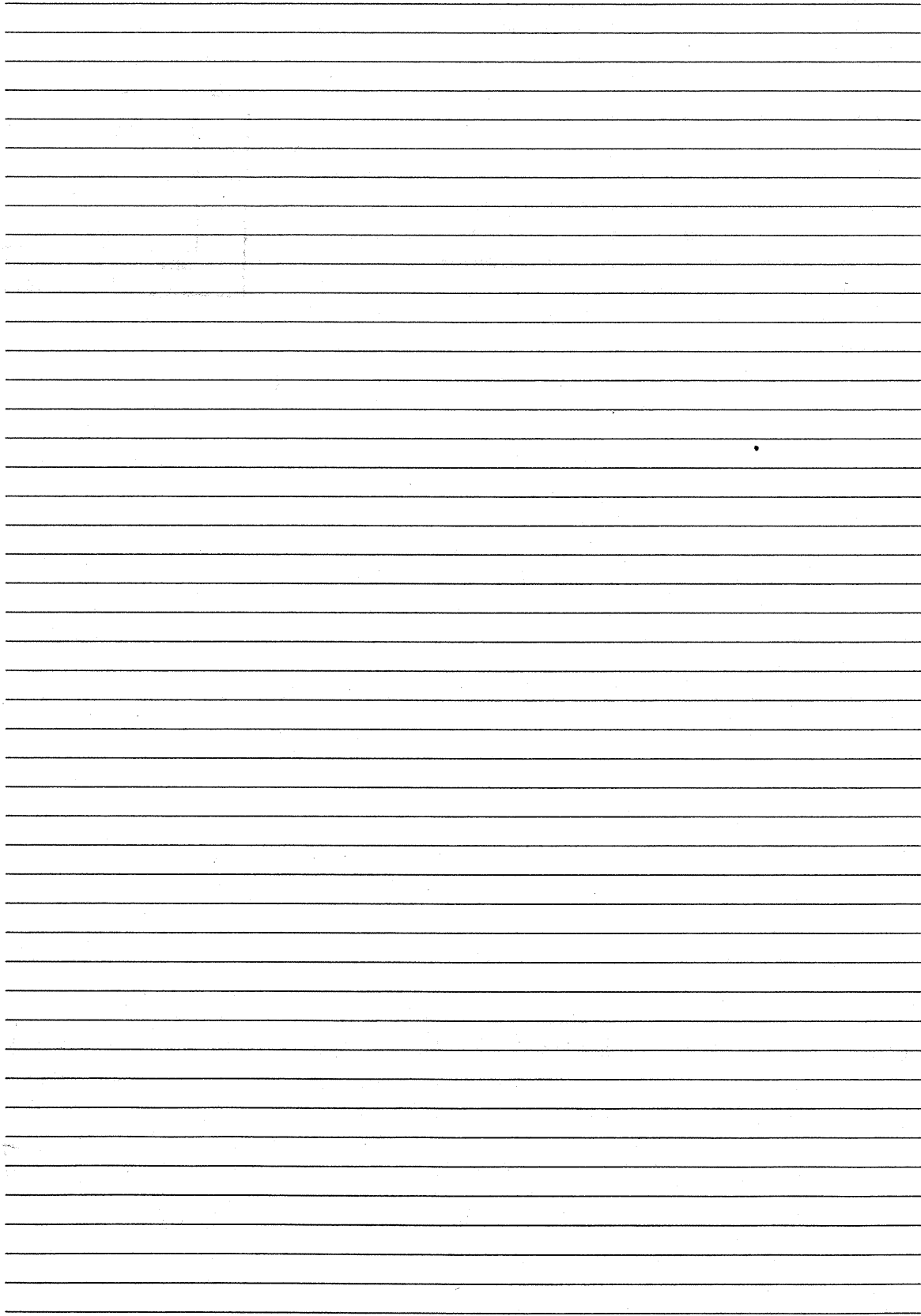
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