U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION Washington, D. C.

COURT ORDERS \$20,000 RESTITUTION IN WAGE-HOUR VIOLATION BY POWER COMPANY

Restitution of back wages totalling approximately \$20,000 to about 300 employees of the Otter Tail Power Company, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, due under wage and hour provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, was ordered today by Judge Matthew M. Joyce in United States District Court at Minneapolis, Minnesota, according to Colonel Philip B. Floming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

Judge Joyce signed a consent decree ordering restitution of the back wages after a complaint had been filed by representatives of the Division showing that the power company had violated the wage and hour provisions of the act by failing to pay time and a half for overtime, and had not kept adequate records reflecting salary payments made to workers.

The company is engaged in the production, distribution and sale of electricity through a loop grid system to consumers in the States of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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