

# Independent Consultant confirms

Otter Tail Power Company's Sustainability Report is aligned with Global Reporting Initiative Standards at the "Core" level.

Otter Tail Power Company retained Silver Birch Communications LLC to provide a third-party check of the company's 2019 Sustainability Report and its accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards at the "Core" level.

The objective of the third-party check process was to provide Otter Tail Power Company's stakeholders confidence that the company has followed the GRI Standards guidelines, including those recommended for the Electric Utility Sector.

Silver Birch's review included content, structure, and presentation of the reported data and information. When needed, Silver Birch also provided counsel to Otter Tail Power Company to enhance conformity to the guidelines. The GRI Index provides direction for where readers can find specific content within the report and/or in public documents available online.

As per the guidelines, the report includes a materiality assessment section to indicate how the company developed the content based on stakeholder feedback. Relevant omissions or data shortcomings are noted within the text of the report and in the index.

Silver Birch confirms that this report follows the applicable GRI principles, GRI Standards guidelines, and Electric Utilities Sector Supplement guidelines. Otter Tail Power Company's report team prepared the content within the Sustainability Report. The company's management approved the content and retains responsibility.



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