

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER ) TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ) PETITION OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS ) RATES FOR SMALL POWER PRODUCTION ) AND COGENERATION )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS  EL15-006</b>
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On January 16, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition of Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of changes to its Small Power Producer Rider electric rate schedules Sections 12.01, 12.02, and 12.03. These rate schedules set forth the rates under which Otter Tail is obligated to purchase energy and capacity from qualifying facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). In the listed sections, Otter Tail proposes to update the energy and capacity payments as well as the renewable energy credit values. These payments are made to qualifying facilities under PURPA within the Otter Tail service area. Otter Tail is requesting a March 1, 2015, effective date for bills rendered on and after that date.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota P.U.C. Volume II, Electric Rate Schedule

Section 12.01

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3	Canceling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3

Section 12.02

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3	Canceling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3

Section 12.03

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2	Canceling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5	Canceling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 5

On January 22, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 6, 2015, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 16 U.S.C Chapter 12, § 824a-3, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after March 1, 2015.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner