

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER))	ORDER APPROVING
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF))	TARIFF REVISIONS
PETITION OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS))	
RATES FOR SMALL POWER PRODUCTION))	EL16-002
AND COGENERATION))	

On January 15, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition of Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail). This filing proposes updates to Otter Tail's Small Power Producer Riders, Sections 12.01, 12.02 and 12.03 in Otter Tail's tariff book. 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 within the Otter Tail service area. Otter Tail requested a March 1, 2016, effective date.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

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

Section 12.01	
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1
Section 12.02	
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1
Section 12.03	
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 2	Canceling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2

On January 21, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 5, 2016, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 27, 2016, Otter Tail filed an Amended Notice and on February 25, 2016, Otter Tail filed a Second Amended Notice. On February 22, March 4, and March 18, 2016, Otter Tail filed its responses to Commission staff's data requests.

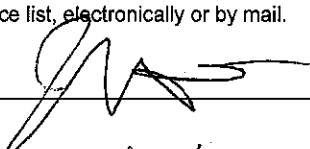
The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 16 U.S.C Chapter 12, § 824a-3, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 15, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with an April 1, 2016, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective April 1, 2016.

It is therefore

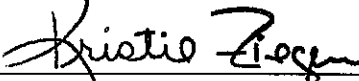
ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after April 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of March, 2016.

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:	<u>3/21/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner