

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF THE TRANSMISSION)
COST RECOVERY RIDER RATE)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE
EL16-035**

On November 1, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its 2017 Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR) rate. Otter Tail's TCRR rate has been adjusted to reflect the TCRR revenue requirements for the next recovery period (March 2017 – February 2018). The update includes the tracker balance estimated for the end of the current recovery period so that no over- or under-recovery of TCRR costs occurs. The update also includes the addition of one new transmission project that is not currently in base rates and has not previously been approved for inclusion in the TCRR.

On November 3, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 18, 2016, to interested persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, and 49-34A, particularly 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 22, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000 as authorized by SDCL 49-1A-8 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of November, 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: <u>Adam Detbeck</u>
Date: <u>11/28/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner