

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT
AND PETITION OF VALLEY QUEEN
CHEESE FACTORY, INC., OTTER TAIL
POWER COMPANY, RESPONDENT.

CE15-001

**JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE
CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS AS
PART OF SETTLEMENT AND TO
DISMISS CONSUMER COMPLAINT**

Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc., filed a consumer complaint against Respondent Otter Tail Power Company on May 18, 2015. The parties have reached a settlement which requires approval of a portion thereof by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota ("the Commission"). A condition of the settlement is approval of the electric service contract with deviations. As a result, the parties jointly request the approval of the electric service contract with deviations requested in Exhibit 1.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41 and the attached Request for Confidential Treatment, the parties request confidential treatment of Exhibit 1, including all exhibits attached to Exhibit 1 except for the publicly filed real time pricing rider attached as Exhibit D to Exhibit 1. Additionally, specifically regarding Addendum 1 to Exhibit E attached to Exhibit 1, the parties have agreed that this information is highly confidential commercial information, and that it should be provided to the Commission and Commission Staff only without a copy to Valley Queen. Following the approval of the settlement by the Commission, then the parties jointly request dismissal, with prejudice, of the consumer complaint in this matter.

Based upon the foregoing, the parties jointly request an order by the Commission:


1. Approving the contract with deviations, the supporting documents for which are attached as Exhibit 1;
2. Designating Exhibit 1, including all attachments thereto except for Exhibit D attached to Exhibit 1, as confidential pursuant ARSD 20:10:01:41. Regarding Addendum 1 to Exhibit E, the parties agree that these documents shall only be provided to the Commission, Commission Staff, and the Respondent.
3. Upon approval of contract with deviations, dismissal, with prejudice, of the consumer complaint and with each party bearing its own costs and disbursements.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2016.

Handwritten signatures of Thomas J. Welk and Jason R. Sutton, written in black ink over a horizontal line.

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