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May 3, 2001



Ms. Deb Elofson, Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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Pierre, SD 57501-5070

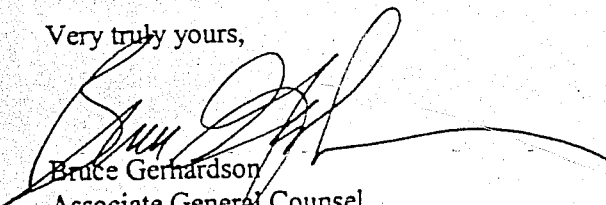
Re: **In the Matter of a Request by Otter Tail Power Company to Amend
its Outdoor Lighting Tariff.**
SDPUC Case No. _____

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws Section 49-34A-10 and Administrative Rules of South Dakota 20:10:13:03, enclosed for filing please find an original and ten (10) copies of Otter Tail Power Company's Request to Amend its Outdoor Lighting Tariff.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please contact me at (218) 739-8350 or Darlene Mandelke, Otter Tail's Supervisor, Regulatory Services, at (218) 739-8819.

Very truly yours,



Bruce Gerhardtson
Associate General Counsel
BG:dm

Enclosures

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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EL 01-008

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Request by Otter Tail
Power Company¹ to Amend its Outdoor
Lighting Tariff

Docket No.

PETITION OF OTTER TAIL CORPORATION

1. INTRODUCTION.

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws Section 49-34A-10 and Administrative Rules of South Dakota 20:10:13:03, Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") hereby petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of an amended Outdoor Lighting Tariff ("OLT"). The proposed amended OLT, attached as Exhibit No. 1, is similar to Otter Tail's existing OLT, Rate Designation M-42S, but it adds two high-pressure sodium pole top decorative fixtures and five metal halide fixtures. The proposed amended OLT also adds a fixed seasonal charge for outdoor lighting used on a seasonal basis. Additional language changes clarify the terms of the Tariff and conform the Tariff to State Electrical Code requirements.

2. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION.

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota 20:10:01:02.03, Otter Tail provides the following general information.

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¹ Otter Tail Power Company is a registered trade name of Otter Tail Corporation.

A. Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Utility.

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B. Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Utility Attorney.

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C. Date of Filing and Date Tariff Will Take Effect.

This proposed amended OLT is being filed on May 3, 2001 and Otter Tail requests approval effective as of the earliest possible date.

D. Laws Controlling Schedule for Processing the Filing.

South Dakota Codified Law § 49-34A-10 controls the filing of the Petition, but does not establish a deadline for final Commission action. Otter Tail requests an expedited and informal proceeding, including any variances that may be necessary.

E. Title of Utility Employee Responsible for Filing.

Darlene Mandelke
Supervisor, Regulatory Services
Otter Tail Power Company
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3. DESCRIPTION OF FILING.

A. Background.

There are three primary reasons Otter Tail is proposing this amended OLT: 1) it will provide additional fixture options to customers, 2) it creates an administratively efficient means of fixed cost recovery for seasonal outdoor lighting, and 3) it clarifies the terms of the tariff and conforms the tariff to certain State Electrical Code requirements.

1) The Proposed Amended Outdoor Lighting Tariff Provides Additional Fixture Options to Customers.

Otter Tail currently provides municipal and private customers several types of fixtures for outdoor area lighting services under its existing Commission-approved OLT, Rate Designation M-42S (e.g., street lights, yard flood lights, private parking lots, etc.). Under the existing OLT, the fixtures available for street and area lighting are limited to mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium types. Floodlighting fixtures are limited to mercury vapor, high-pressure sodium and metal halide types. Only one mercury vapor fixture is available for seasonal outdoor area lighting.

The proposed amended OLT adds two high-pressure sodium pole-top decorative fixture types due to the fact that they have already been used to replace mercury vapor fixtures during a streetlight change-out program ("SL").² The SL rate will soon expire according to sunset provisions that apply to the SL rates,³ after which there will be no applicable tariff rate for high-pressure sodium pole top fixtures. The proposed tariff will provide such a tariff rate.

² A letter of explanation written by Otter Tail to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission is attached as Exhibit No. 2.

³ A letter written by Otter Tail to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission proposing sunset dates for SL rates is attached as Exhibit No. 3.

The proposed OLT also includes five types of metal halide fixtures. Otter Tail is adding these fixtures to satisfy growing customer interest and to prepare for future environmental regulation that may encourage or require discontinuing the use of mercury vapor fixtures.

2) Cost Recovery for Seasonal Lighting.

A fixed seasonal charge is also included in the proposed amended OLT. This seasonal change has been added to provide an administratively efficient method of allocating appropriate fixed costs to those customers who use their outdoor lighting on a seasonal basis. The fixed charge is equal to the customer connection charge that has previously been approved by the Commission, Rate Designation M-61M. Using this seasonal charge to recover fixed costs will allow any fixture type to be used as a seasonal light.

3) Clarification of the Terms of the Outdoor Lighting Tariff and Conforming to the State Electrical Code.

Changes have also been made to the language of the OLT in order to clarify the terms of the tariff. These changes put the sections of the tariff in a more logical order and otherwise help to clarify its application. Additional changes have been made to conform the OLT to the State Electrical Code. These changes are described below and included under the following headings:

1. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE:

Two commas added to clarify the language to include private lighting.

2. UNDERGROUND SERVICE:

- a. The sentence, "If overhead service is not available, there is no additional charge." has been added to clarify situations where Otter Tail forgives the underground charge because overhead service is not available.

- b. The sentence, "There is no additional charge for the MV-6 PT, HPS-9 PT or the HPS-14 PT fixtures." has been added because the underground service charge is already included.

3. MOUNTING LOCATION:

Delete customer ownership of the pole. This change is necessary in order to conform to the State Electrical Code.

4. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES:

- a. Sign lighting – underlined and bolded heading to separate this section.
- b. Contract period – added a minimum of four months for seasonal service.
- c. The order of items throughout the rate schedule has changed to put sections in a more logical order.

B. Terms And Conditions Of The Proposed Amended Outdoor Lighting Tariff.

Under the proposed amended OLT, Otter Tail will install and own each outdoor lighting system including the fixture, pole and other necessary equipment or wiring for which a cost value shall be allocated (collectively "the material cost"). Otter Tail will also maintain each system and supply the necessary electricity for the unit. The light will operate from dusk to dawn. The proposed amended OLT allows for recovery of the material cost, maintenance and the energy needed to power the unit.

The proposed rates for the new fixtures were determined on a cost basis. The rates include recovery of material costs using the average life allowed under Otter Tail's depreciation schedule, a maintenance fee based on the average lamp life, an energy charge based on Otter Tail's Outdoor Lighting – Energy Only tariff, Rate Designation M-41S, and a return on investment. The rate paid for fixtures that have been available under the existing OLT shall not change. Therefore, this tariff changes are intended to be revenue neutral.

The proposed fixed charge for a seasonal customer was determined by using a rate equal to the approved customer connection charge, Rate Designation M-61S. Otter Tail has proposed to use this fixed charge rather than a separate seasonal rate for each fixture for purposes of administrative efficiency. It should be noted that there is a relatively low volume of seasonal accounts and therefore it is believed that other methods of cost recovery would be too cumbersome to be administratively efficient or cost-effective. Under the proposed amended OLT, the fixed charge would be billed once per season in addition to the monthly rate and would be included on the first bill rendered for each season. In addition, each seasonal customer would be billed for the number of months each season that the outdoor lighting fixture is in use, but not less than a minimum of four months.

4. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Otter Tail Requests That the Following Persons Be Placed on the Commission's Official Service List for This Proceeding:

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5. **CONCLUSION.**

For the foregoing reasons, Otter Tail respectfully requests that the Commission approve the enclosed proposed amended Outdoor Lighting Tariff, to be effective as of the earliest possible date.

Dated: May 3, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

By: 

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OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY*
 Fergus Falls, Minnesota
 ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

Exhibit No. 1 Page 1
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OUTDOOR LIGHTING
 Rate Zones 1 & 9

Street and Area Lighting	42-741
Floodlighting	42-743
Sign Lighting	42-744

APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE: This schedule is applicable to any customer, including a village, town or city, for automatically operated outdoor lighting supplied and operated by the Company.

RATE:

		<u>STREET AND AREA LIGHTING</u>	
<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>Lumen Rating</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>	
MV-6	6,000	\$ 6.30	
<i>For seasonal use during the months from April through October only. Seasonal billing shall be for a minimum of four and a maximum of six months (six months billing for seven months service is permitted). — \$ 9.95</i>			
MV-6PT	6,000	\$ 9.05	
MV-11	11,000	11.40	
MV-21	21,000	15.10	
MV-35	35,000	22.20	
MV-55	55,000	28.40	
MA-8	8,500	7.16	
MA-14	14,000	13.61	
MA-20	20,500	15.59	
MA-36	36,000	15.43	
MA-110	110,000	33.04	
HPS-9	9,000	6.90	
HPS-9PT	9,000	8.39	
HPS-14	14,000	10.60	
HPS-14PT	14,000	10.78	
HPS-19	19,000	12.20	
HPS-23	23,000	13.90	
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APPROVED: Doug Kjellerup
 Vice President, COO Energy Delivery

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OUTDOOR LIGHTING (Continued)

SEASONAL CUSTOMERS: Seasonal customers will be billed at the same rate as year-around customers, except as follows:

A fixed charge of \$15.00 will be billed each seasonal customer once per season per fixture in addition to the rate provided above. The fixed charge will be included in the first bill rendered for each season.

Each customer will be billed for the number of months each season that the outdoor lighting fixture is in use, but not less than a minimum of four months, plus the seasonal fixed charge.

UNDERGROUND SERVICE: If the customer requests underground service to any outdoor lighting unit or sign, the Company will supply the equivalent of one span of underground and add an additional \$1.80 to the monthly rate specified above. If overhead service is not available, there is no additional charge. There is no additional charge for the MV-6 PT, HPS-9 PT or the HPS-14 PT fixtures.

SIGN LIGHTING:

Rate: \$1.75 per month for each 100 watts of lighting load supplied by unmetered electric service. Lighting load shall be determined by the lamp size plus the necessary ballast.

Equipment and Service Supplied: The Company will supply the necessary electricity to light the sign. Any necessary extension of the Company's 120-volt supply beyond one span of wire will be at the expense of the customer. The customer shall also supply the mounting point for the Company's service wires and provide the lamps and photo-electric or other device to control the operating hours and keep such equipment in good operating order.

EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE SUPPLIED BY THE COMPANY: The Company will install, own and operate a high intensity discharge light including suitable reflector or a floodlight including a lamp, bracket for mounting on wood poles with overhead wiring and photo-electric or other device to control operating hours. The light shall operate from dusk to dawn. The Company will supply the necessary electricity and maintenance for the unit. The Company will continue to own and operate existing fluorescent fixtures at the rates indicated above at specified lumen ratings.

MOUNTING LOCATION: The light shall be mounted upon a suitable new or existing Company-owned pole or other mounting point at which unmetered 120-volt supply is available. Any necessary extension of the Company's 120-volt supply beyond one span of wire will be at the expense of the customer. ~~If suitable, installation of the light will be on an existing Company-owned or customer-owned pole or other mounting point.~~ For units of 10,000 lumens or more, the Company will supply a separate pole for a mounting point where it is required. For units of under 10,000 lumens on a separate pole, the customer shall supply the pole unless the customer is requesting five or more units; for an installation that upon completion will have five or more units, the Company will supply the necessary poles.

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OUTDOOR LIGHTING (Continued)

CONTRACT PERIOD: Minimum of one year or minimum of one season. A season is defined as a minimum of four months.

PAYMENT: Bill will be due ten days after the billing date; net payment will be accepted through the 21st day. On the 22nd day after billing an account with an unpaid balance of \$5.00 or more (after allowance for any EMP credit) will be considered late and a late payment charge will apply. The late payment charge shall be 1.5% of the unpaid balance plus a collection charge of \$2.00, except that a customer with at least 12 successive payments of regular bills prior to the 22nd day after the billing date shall not be billed a late payment charge. Where a customer is disconnected for nonpayment of a bill, a reconnection charge will be made; the charge will be the Customer Connection Charge as provided for in Rate M-61S, or any amendments or superseding provisions applicable thereto, plus direct labor costs for reconnection outside of regular business hours. A \$10.00 charge will be made subsequent to a customer's check being returned from the bank because of insufficient funds.

REGULATIONS: General Rules and Regulations govern use under this schedule.

ADJUSTMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PAYMENTS: Bills under this rate schedule may be subject to adjustment for certain payments to municipalities as provided in the General Rules and Regulations.

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Otter Tail

POWER COMPANY

February 20, 1992

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Mr. Marshall Damgaard
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Damgaard:

Subject: STREETLIGHT CHANGE-OUT PROGRAM

Otter Tail Power Company is in the process of upgrading existing streetlighting systems in Minnesota and North Dakota towns. This program allows for the removal and disposal of Mercury Vapor (MV) fixtures and the installation of high efficiency, High Pressure Sodium (HPS) fixtures. At the present time, the program is being emphasized in communities considering franchise renewals, however, it will be offered to other towns as time permits regardless of franchise status.

It is Otter Tail's intention to expand this program to include South Dakota. Listed below are several items of interest concerning this program:

- 1) The HPS-9 fixtures exhibit an increase in the lumen output when compared to the existing MV-6. This increase in the lighting level translates to a brighter streetlighting system for the community involved.
- 2) The energy required to operate an HPS-9 fixture is significantly less than the MV-6 fixture (decrease of 85 watts per fixture).
- 3) Although the HPS-9 fixture has a somewhat higher first cost than the existing MV-6 fixture (\$1.20 per fixture), Otter Tail will be offering to serve the upgraded streetlighting systems on the existing MV-6 rate schedule.
- 4) The energy saved as a result of the upgrade will directly impact the cost of energy adjustment portion of the customers' bills, thereby spreading this savings over all customers taking service on Otter Tail's standard rates.

The offering of the upgrades will begin immediately. If you have questions concerning this program please contact Brenda Sandahl at 218/739-5539.

Sincerely,



Dan Oehier, Administrator
Price Regulation
lms

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October 11, 2000

Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Streetlight Change-Out Program

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Otter Tail Power Company is highly aware of its responsibility to be in compliance with all regulatory procedures and processes before the Commission of the State of South Dakota. The purpose of this letter is to clarify Otter Tail Power Company's streetlight change-out program with regards to rates used in community streetlighting projects and their corresponding sunset dates.

Background

Otter Tail first submitted the streetlight change-out program to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in a letter dated February 20, 1992. A copy of this letter is enclosed. This program was designed to replace mercury vapor lamps with more energy efficient high-pressure sodium (HPS) street lamps throughout communities in the Otter Tail service area. As an incentive to the community for the installation of the HPS lamps, Otter Tail offered the same monthly rate as the community was paying for the mercury vapor lamp, \$6.30 as compared to \$6.90, which is the standard HPS rate.

In reviewing this program, it was discovered that there was never a sunset clause set as to how long the lower rate was to be in effect for the communities. Otter Tail is, with this letter, clarifying the Company's process used to determine when the participating communities shall move from the lower rate to the standard rate for the HPS lamps.

Rate Determination Process

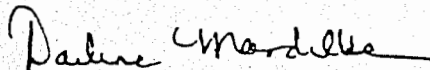
Otter Tail considered many different factors, concerns, and interests in determining when a community should be moved to the standard rate. The issues of retrofitting existing streetlights and streetlights being added to the community outside of streetlighting change-out program were also evaluated. To respond to and to answer these concerns, the following internal process was

developed as a guide for determining streetlighting rates as they relate to the streetlighting change-out program:

1. Communities should have the advantages of the lower rate for HPS streetlighting for a minimum of 10 years. This timeframe will be measured from the date of the final lamp installed in that community as part of the streetlight change-out program from 1992 to 1994.
2. After the 10 year period, the community will be notified that the rate for the HPS lamps will be changed from the lower rate (the old mercury vapor rate) to the standard HPS rate when the streetlighting contract is next up for renewal.
3. Any of the original streetlights that need to be changed out or retrofitted will continue to be part of the streetlight change-out program until the contract renewal.
4. Any new streetlights added that were not part of the original change-out program will be charge the standard HPS rate, not the lower rate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 218-739-8819.

Sincerely,



Darlene Mandelke
Sr. Regulatory Analyst

Enclosure

cc: Rebecca Wentler, Market Planning
Bernadeen, Brutlag, Manager Regulatory Services
Kevin Kouba, Division Manager
Leon Kremeier, Office Manager

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of May 3, 2001 through May 9, 2001

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this filing. Phone: 605-773-3705 Fax: 605-773-3809

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT01-021 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Roxy Rasmussen and Mick Bettmeng, Black Hawk, South Dakota, against U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Long Distance Services, Failure to Cancel and Continued Billing.

Complainants allege unauthorized switching of long distance services several times by U.S. Republic Communications, Inc.; unauthorized charges and failure to cancel account. Complainants request full reimbursement of charges and one thousand dollars for their trouble and other fines and penalties as allowed by SD law.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 05/03/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT01-022 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Judy C. Foster, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against WebNet Communications, Inc. and ILD Teleservices, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

Complainant alleges that she never ordered or approved long distance service with WebNet (ILD). Complainant believes these companies should pay for their dishonest business practices and she is asking for \$1000 restitution as provided by SD law.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 05/07/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT01-023 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Ten Thousand Villages, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against NCP, Inc. and ILD Teleservices, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services.

The Complainant's representative states that her business was billed for a collect call that was not accepted at her business. Complainant's representative states that she was told on three different occasions that the charge would be removed and that her business would receive a credit on its Qwest statement. Complainant has not received the credit and is asking for \$1,000.00.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Filed: 05/09/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

ELECTRIC

EL01-007 In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of a Renewal of a Released Energy Tariff.

Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) is requesting the Commission renew its Released Energy Tariff. The original tariff was approved by the Commission on July 13, 2000 and expired December 31, 2000. This renewal would allow OTP to purchase energy from its large customers who curtail their load.

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VIA FAX AND REGULAR MAIL

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RE: SD PUC Docket EL01-008 – Filing by Otter Tail Company for Approval of Amended Outdoor Lighting Tariff

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Enclosed are our responses to the data request nos. 2-1 through 2-8 in the above matter. I will send two copies via regular mail.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (218) 739-8819 or by email at dmandelke@otpco.com.

Sincerely Yours,

Darlene Mandelke
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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Otter Tail Power Company, a division of Otter Tail Corporation
Docket Number: EL01-008

Response to Data Request

Date of Request: June 13, 2001

Response Due:

Analyst Requesting Information: Dave Jacobson, Utility Analyst
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Response to Data Request No. 2-8

2-8. The final tariff Sheets submitted in Data Response 1-4 are all described as "Page 3 of 3." Please correct this typographical error.

A corrected copy has been is attached.

Response by: Darlene Mandelke
Title: Supervisor, Regulatory Services
Department: Regulatory Services
Telephone: 218-739-8819
Reviewed by: Bernadeen Brutlag

List sources of information:

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY*
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UNDERGROUND SERVICE: If the customer requests underground service to any outdoor lighting unit or sign, the Company will supply the equivalent of one span of underground and add an additional \$1.80 to the monthly rate specified above. If overhead service is not available, there is no additional charge. **There is no additional charge for the MV-6 PT, HPS-9 PT or the HPS-14 PT fixtures.**

SIGN LIGHTING:

Rate: \$1.75 per month for each 100 watts of lighting load supplied by unmetered electric service. Lighting load shall be determined by the lamp size plus the necessary ballast.

Equipment and Service Supplied: The Company will supply the necessary electricity to light the sign. Any necessary extension of the Company's 120-volt supply beyond one span of wire will be at the expense of the customer. The customer shall also supply the mounting point for the Company's service wires and provide the lamps and photo-electric or other device to control the operating hours and keep such equipment in good operating order.

EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE SUPPLIED BY THE COMPANY: The Company will install, own and operate a high intensity discharge light including suitable reflector or a floodlight including a lamp, bracket for mounting on wood poles with overhead wiring and photo-electric or other device to control operating hours. The light shall operate from dusk to dawn. The Company will supply the necessary electricity and maintenance for the unit. The Company will continue to own and operate existing fluorescent fixtures at the rates indicated above at specified lumen ratings.

MOUNTING LOCATION: The light shall be mounted upon a suitable new or existing Company-owned pole at which unmetered 120-volt supply is available. Any necessary extension of the Company's 120-volt supply beyond one span of wire will be at the expense of the customer.

CONTRACT PERIOD: Minimum of one year or minimum of one season. A season is defined as a minimum of four months.

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OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY*
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

Section No. 3, Volume I
4th Revised Sheet No. 94
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OUTDOOR LIGHTING (Continued)

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of July, 2001.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Alaine Kalbs

Date: 8/3/01

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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August 13, 2001



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**RE: SD PUC Docket EL01-008
Otter Tail Power Company's Approved Outdoor Lighting Tariff**

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Enclosed you will find an approved copy of Otter Tail Power Company's Outdoor Lighting Tariff with the rate designation of M-42S for your files.

The rate schedule, with an approved date of July 27, 2001, is effective for service rendered on and after July 27, 2001.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernadeen Brutlag" followed by a flourish.

Bernadeen Brutlag
Manager, Regulatory Services

Enclosures

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OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Rate Zones 1 & 9

Street and Area Lighting	42-741
Floodlighting	42-743
Sign Lighting	42-744

APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE: This schedule is applicable to any customer, including a village, town or city, for automatically operated outdoor lighting supplied and operated by the Company.

RATE:

STREET AND AREA LIGHTING

<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>Lumen Rating</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
MV-6	6,000	\$ 6.30
MV-6PT	6,000	\$ 9.05
MV-11	11,000	11.40
MV-21	21,000	15.10
MV-35	35,000	22.20
MV-55	55,000	28.40
MA-8	8,500	7.14
MA-14	14,000	13.59
MA-20	20,500	15.57
MA-36	36,000	15.40
MA-110	110,000	32.98
HPS-9	9,000	6.90
HPS-9PT	9,000	8.37
HPS-14	14,000	10.60
HPS-14PT	14,000	10.76
HPS-19	19,000	12.20
HPS-23	23,000	13.90
HPS-44	44,000	17.20

FLOODLIGHTING

<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
400 MV-Flood	Mercury Vapor	\$15.65
400 MA-Flood	Metal Additive Mercury	16.70
400 HPS-Flood	High Pressure Sodium	17.10
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