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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Amended Request for Authority to Use Current Rate Design and to Implement a Rate Lower than the Rate Authorized by Statute when Implementing an "Interim" Rate Increase Pursuant to SDCL Section 49-34A-17 on February 17, 2011, and Until Commission Makes Final Determination in this Matter

Docket No. EL10-011

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission Otter Tail Power Company's ("OTP's") Amended Request for Authority to Use Current Rate Design and to Implement a Rate Lower than the Rate Authorized by Statute when Implementing an "Interim" Rate Increase Pursuant to SDCL Section 49-34A-17 on February 17, 2011, and Until Commission Makes Final Determination in regards to the above-entitled matter.

At the time OTP originally filed its Request to Use Current Rate Design for Interim Rates, OTP and Staff had only begun to discuss settlement of issues in the case. Since making the filing, however, OTP and Staff have reached agreement on most issues in the case. Based on the proposed settlements reached, OTP can reduce the Interim Increase as explained in the motion. Because reducing the Interim Increase is in the public interest and because the request to implement a lower Interim Increase could not have been brought to the Commission earlier, OTP believes it is appropriate to approve OTP's request along with its request to use current rate design for the Interim Increase.

Also enclosed are an Affidavit of Service and Service List.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
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Attachments