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December 31, 2012

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Rates for Small Power Production and Cogeneration.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") submits this filing for approval of updates to Otter Tail's Small Power Producer Riders, Sections 12.01, 12.02, and 12.03 of our Tariff Book. These rate schedules set forth the rates under which Otter Tail is obligated to purchase energy and capacity from qualifying facilities.

In this filing, Otter Tail is proposing to update the energy payments. There were no changes to the capacity payments. Otter Tail is also proposing to add rate codes to each of the sections 12.01, 12.02, and 12.03, for administrative purposes. The Small Power Producer Payment Schedules were last updated in a filing made on December 30, 2011, Docket No, EL11-031.

The date of this filing is December 31, 2012. The proposed effective date, with Commission approval, for these rates is with billings on or after March 1, 2013. As directed by Order F-3365, Otter Tail plans to file the Small Power Producer rates every two years or annually as warranted.

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws Section 49-34A-10 and Administrative Rules of South Dakota ("ARSD") Part 20:10:01:02:05, this filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (218) 739-8606 or dopatz@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

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