

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

Docket No. _____

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company's Tariff Revisions in
Section 1.05

PETITION OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

I. INTRODUCTION.

Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") hereby petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for approval of Tariff Revisions in Section 1.05.

II. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION.

A. Name, address, and telephone number of the utility making the filing.

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D. The date of filing and the date changes will take effect.

The date of this filing is March 10, 2014. Otter Tail proposes that the tariff revisions contained herein, go into effect as of March 18, 2014.

E. Statute controlling schedule for processing the filing.

ARSD Part 20:10:13:20 allows for proposed changes in a utility's tariff schedule on less than a 30-day notice to the Commission, after which time the proposed changes take effect unless suspended. Because no determination of Otter Tail's general revenue requirement is necessary, the report called for under Part 20:10:13:26 and the general notice provisions applicable to changes in rates is not applicable in this filing. Otter Tail has also addressed ARSD 20:10:13:21 in its proposed changes.

III. BACKGROUND.

The purpose of this filing is to update the tariffs per changes to our e-business efforts. These efforts are a part of our enhanced customer bill presentment and payment program. Therefore, Otter Tail is requesting approval to revise in Section 1.05, tariff sheets 12, 14 and 16 because of changes to one of its customer payment options. These tariff sheets, which are sample customer bills, are pursuant to the requirements in ARSD 20:10:13:12. A discussion of our e-business efforts are discussed below.

Otter Tail Power Company has offered an enrolled online bill presentment and payment program, for more than a decade. Our recent enhancements to e-business effort improve services

to customers that wish to use electronic bill paying services. This effort expands service options to mobile devices as well as a new secure email bill delivery option. Otter Tail continues to offer free bill payment options as well as reduced costs for customers choosing to pay via credit card.

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES.

A redline and clean version of Section 1.05, tariff sheets 12, 14, and 16 are attached. The proposed bill statement changes include the following: a new vendor name for credit card payments, a new (reduced) convenience fee, a new phone number for the vendor, and other minor changes. Otter Tail is requesting a March 18, 2014 effective date for the changes.

V. RATE APPLICATION AND IMPACT.

The proposed tariff sheet changes have no impact to Otter Tail's revenue requirements. Customers who have used and plan to continue to use the credit card payment option will benefit from a lower convenience payment – from \$3.25 per each transaction up to \$350, down to \$2.25 per each transaction up to \$700.

VI. CONCLUSION.

For the foregoing reasons, Otter Tail respectfully requests approval of the tariff sheet changes herein, effective as of March 18, 2014.

Date: March 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted:

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