OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY Docket No: EL15-045

Response to: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Analyst: SDPUC Staff Date Received: 11/18/2015 Date Due: 12/04/2015

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Responding Witness: Bryce Haugen, Senior Rates Analyst, Regulatory Administration

Information Request:

01-011. Provide a general description of the steps OTP takes to ensure no double recovery between the TCR and base rates occurs with operations and maintenance expense.

Attachments: 0

Response:

Over time, Otter Tail may incur miscellaneous operating and maintenance costs on new transmission facilities, which could include such things as vegetation maintenance, as well as general transmission facility maintenance. As these costs are incurred, they are tracked in unique work order numbers so that they are kept separate from similar costs associated with facilities currently included in our general rate base and collected through base rates.