

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

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company’s Petition for Approval of
a Customer Meter Data Privacy Tariff

Docket No. EL17-

**PETITION OF
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY**

I. OVERVIEW

Otter Tail Power Company (“OTP” or “Company”) submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission this Petition for approval of a Customer Meter Data Privacy Tariff as a new provision to the Company’s Electric Rate Book. The purpose of this filing is to recognize the role the Company plays in protecting customer meter data in its possession and meeting our customers' expectations of privacy. The proposed tariffs follow industry standards and balance the need to protect customer privacy while allowing OTP to conduct regulated utility operations.

II. REQUIRED INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:13:26, the tariff schedule change notification requirements.

(1) Name and Address of the Public Utility

Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56538

(2) Section and Sheet Number of Tariff Schedule

General Rules and Regulations – Section 1.09, Customer Meter Data Privacy
Original Sheet No. 1, Original Sheet No. 2 and Original Sheet No. 3.

(3) Description of the Change

The proposed tariff sheets inform customers of how the Company maintains, uses and discloses customer energy usage data (a.k.a. meter data) in the ordinary course of business.

(4) Reason for the Change

The purpose of this filing is to provide South Dakota customers information about how OTP collects, maintains and in some cases discloses customer energy usage (a.k.a. meter data) in the ordinary course of business. The proposed tariff makes clear that the energy usage data of retail customers is held in confidence by the Company subject to limited exceptions. While OTP has yet to install advanced metering infrastructure on a significant basis the tariff provides a framework that balances customer privacy concerns with the Company's need to conduct regulated utility operations. This framework has application to current metering systems as well as advanced metering infrastructure.

(5) Present Rate

Not applicable.

(6) Proposed Rate

Not applicable.

(7) Proposed Effective Date of Modified Rate

OTP proposes that the Customer Meter Data Privacy Tariff be effective March 1, 2017.

(8) Approximation of Annual Amount of Increase or Decrease in Revenue

Not applicable.

(9) Points Affected

The proposed tariff sheet will apply to all of OTP's South Dakota retail customers.

(10) Estimation of the number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual amounts of either increases or decreases, or both, in cost of service to those customers.

Not applicable.

(11) Statement of facts, expert opinions, documents, and exhibits to support the proposed changes

The documents submitted with this filing include:

- Report of Tariff Schedule Change, attached as Exhibit A (this is OTP standard report format. The report restates the information stated in this Petition)
- Electric Service – South Dakota – Index, Third Revised Sheet No. 1
- General Rules and Regulations – Section 1.09, Customer Meter Data Privacy, Original Sheet No. 1
- General Rules and Regulations – Section 1.09, Customer Meter Data Privacy, Original Sheet No. 2
- General Rules and Regulations – Section 1.09, Customer Meter Data Privacy, Original Sheet No. 3
- Customer Notice

Copies of all notices, other correspondence and all inquiries concerning this Application should be sent to:

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III. CONCLUSION

Otter Tail respectfully requests the Commission approve the proposed Customer Meter Data Privacy Tariff to become effective March 1, 2017.

Date: January 11, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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