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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

**RE: 2016 South Dakota Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report
Annual Filing to Update the Energy Efficiency Adjustment Rider
Docket No. EL17-**

Dear Executive Director Van Gerpen:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail, the Company) hereby submits the 2016 South Dakota Energy Efficiency Plan (EEP) results to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). This Status Report also includes discussion on the financial incentive achieved by the Company and the associated impacts to the Energy Efficiency Adjustment Rider.

Enclosed for filing please find:

- Summary of Filing.
- Otter Tail Power Company's 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report and supporting documentation and tables.
- Summary financial incentive calculation based on 2016 actual performance.
- Summary of the EEP tracker balance and request to continue the Energy Efficiency Adjustment Rider.

If you or Commission Staff have any questions, please contact Jason Grenier at (218) 739-8639.

Very truly yours,

/s/ JASON GRENIER
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