

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

---

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF OTTER TAIL  
POWER COMPANY FOR  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS  
ELECTRIC RATES**

---

\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION**

**EL18-021**

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission and Otter Tail Power Company jointly referred to as “Parties,” hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of certain issues between the Parties in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

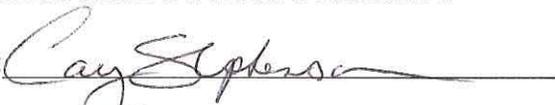
1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. It is the understanding of Staff and Otter Tail Power Company that the intervenor in this docket no longer wishes to participate and, therefore, is not a signatory to this Motion or the Settlement Stipulation;
3. The Settlement Stipulation resolves certain issues between these Parties in this docket as detailed in the Settlement Stipulation;
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of the issues detailed in the Settlement Stipulation;
5. The Parties agree that the sole remaining issue before the Commission should this Motion be granted is the issue of rate of return on equity;
6. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota Law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving certain issues in this

proceeding and enter an order finding that the attached Settlement Stipulation results in just and reasonable rates for customers of Otter Tail Power Company.

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY**

By: 

Name: Cary Stephens

Its: Associate General Counsel

Dated: February 15, 2019

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF**

By: 

Name: Kristen N. Edwards

Its: Staff Attorney

Dated: February 15, 2019