## **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 )

## SECOND STIPULATON FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

EL 18-021

COMES NOW, Staff (Staff) of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Otter Tail Power Company (OTP or Company) hereby file this Second Stipulation for Procedural Schedule. The Parties to this proceeding are Staff, OTP, and Valley Queen Cheese Company, Inc. (Intervenor). However, the Intervenor has indicated it has settled its issues and no longer intends to participate.

On February 5, 2019, OTP and Staff filed a Stipulation for Procedural Schedule. The Commission issued a Scheduling Order on February 7, 2019. This Second Stipulation is made to better facilitate the schedules of the Commission, Staff, OTP and witnesses. OTP and Staff stipulate to the following:

- The time for filing Post Hearing Briefs shall be extended from April 8, 2019 to April 15, 2019.
- 2. To the extent interim rate refunds are ordered by the Commission, the Company shall extend the period subject to such refunds beyond April 20, 2019 (the end of the 12-month period set forth by the last sentence SDCL § 49-34A-17) to the earlier of (a) the date the Commission issues an oral decision, or (b) April 30, 2019.
- 3. On Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Staff will present its witness Mr. Basil Copeland immediately after OTP has presented its witness Mr. Robert Hevert. This procedural

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adjustment is to ensure that Mr. Hevert is available at hearing during Mr. Copeland's

testimony.

Dated this 15 day of March, 2019.

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