

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR ) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS ) ELECTRIC RATES ) ) ) )</b>	<b>THIRD STIPULATION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  EL18-021</b>
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COMES NOW, Commission Staff (Staff) of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Otter Tail Power Company (OTP or Company) hereby file this Third Stipulation for Procedural Schedule. The Parties to this proceeding are Staff, OTP, and Valley Queen Cheese Company, Inc. (Intervenor). 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. On March 15, 2019 OTP and Staff filed a Second Stipulation to better facilitate the schedules of the Commission, Staff, OTP and witnesses. The Commission issued an Amended Scheduling Order on March 18, 2019. Under this Third Stipulation, OTP and Staff agree to the following and request the Commission to issue an Order consistent with this Third Stipulation:

1. The time for filing Post Hearing Briefs shall be extended from April 15, 2019 to April 23, 2019.
2. The time for filing proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be April 30, 2019.
3. Staff and OTP request that the Commission place on its May 14, 2019 meeting agenda deliberation of the issue set forth in the Commission’s Notice of Hearing

in this matter dated March 7, 2019, and that Staff and OTP be permitted reasonable oral argument on the issue.

4. 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) May 31, 2019.

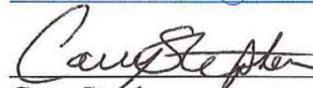
WHEREFORE, Staff and OTP respectfully request the Commission issue a procedural schedule as detailed above.

Dated this 29th day of March 2019.



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