

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION : EL18-021
OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC :
RATES :

: **PETITION TO INTERVENE**
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Under SDCL § 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. (“Valley Queen”), seeks leave to intervene in this proceeding. Valley Queen is a South Dakota corporation with its principal place of business in Milbank, South Dakota, where it operates a factory producing cheese and dairy products. Valley Queen purchases all of its electricity from Otter Tail Power Company, which has a monopoly on the sale of electricity to Valley Queen. Valley Queen is one of Otter Tail’s largest South Dakota customers, if not the largest, and will be affected by the rate increases Otter Tail seeks in this docket. Valley Queen believes its interests in this proceeding are unique and will not be adequately addressed without its intervention. Valley Queen therefore has a pecuniary interest that will be directly and immediately affected by the Commission’s final decision in this docket.

Valley Queen did not receive notice from Otter Tail of its proposed rate increases. Valley Queen learned of this docket filing after June 1, 2018. Because no other persons or entities have sought or been granted party status and because there has been no docket activity since the Commission’s initial order dated May 16, 2018, no other party would be unduly prejudiced by Valley Queen being granted leave to intervene.

Valley Queen respectfully requests that its application be granted.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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