

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

<b>In the Matter of the Petition of</b>	)	
<b>Otter Tail Power Company for</b>	)	<b>Joint Motion to Approve Stipulation</b>
<b>Approval of its 2018 Transmission Cost</b>	)	
<b>Recovery Eligibility and Rate Adjustment</b>	)	<b>Docket No. EL 18-048</b>

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or Company) jointly referred to as “Parties,” hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of the attached “Stipulation on Correcting Electric Plant in Service-Transmission Rate Base Total” (Stipulation). The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the Stipulation 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. The Stipulation equitably corrects an error that understates the amount of transmission rate base in Docket No. EL 18-021 - *In the Matter of the Application of Otter Power Company for Authority to Increase Electric Rates*;
3. Staff and Otter Tail agree the most efficient and appropriate vehicle for addressing this error is in an update to the Company’s Transmission Cost Recover Rider filing, as detailed in the Stipulation;
4. The Stipulation contains protections for Otter Tail’s customers;
5. The terms of the Stipulation represent a negotiated resolution; and
6. The terms of the 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 the Stipulation, adopt the attached Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving the issues set forth in the Stipulation, and enter an order approving the Stipulation.

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

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Dated: July 1, 2019

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