

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER )	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF )	REVISIONS
A VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY RIDER )	EL01-005

On February 23, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) requesting approval of a tariff sheet for service designated "Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider. OTP is requesting an effective date of July 1, 2001. OTP asked for approval of the following tariff sheet of its Electric Rate Schedule:

Section No. 3, Volume I, Original Sheet No. 92, Rate Designation M-15S, pages 1 of 2 and 2 of 2.

OTP's Petition in this matter states, in part, that "[t]he proposed Rider allows eligible customers to purchase renewable wind energy in addition to the energy they already purchase from other Otter Tail resources."

At its regularly scheduled April 17, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered approval of the application. OTP appeared via teleconference. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff sheet. The Commission finds the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that OTP's aforementioned tariff sheet as described above is approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2001.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Rebecca Kelso

Date: 4/24/01

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner