BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS	))))	**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS** **EL03-032**

On November 24, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of tariff revisions regarding a Contract with Deviations with the City of Castlewood. A new contract replaces a contract between the parties which terminates on January 15, 2004. The new contract does not deviate from Otter Tail's filed tariff. This filing removes the contract from the summary list of contracts with deviations. Otter Tail filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 1, Cancelling Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 1

At its January 6, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the revised tariff sheet. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that Otter Tail's request for approval of tariff revisions is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of tariff revisions is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above referenced tariff sheet is effective for service rendered on and after January 15, 2004.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of January, 2004.

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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 1/16/04

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner