

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER)	ORDER APPROVING
TAIL CORPORATION D/B/A OTTER TAIL)	CONTRACT WITH
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN)	DEVIATIONS
ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE)	
SUPPLY OF BULK INTERRUPTIBLE POWER)	EL05-011
BETWEEN OTTER TAIL CORPORATION D/B/A)	
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY AND VALLEY)	
QUEEN CHEESE FACTORY, INC.)	

On March 31, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of a Contract with Deviations, pursuant to its bulk interruptible service tariff, with Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. (Valley Queen). The contract replaces an electric service agreement between the parties for bulk interruptible service effective June 1, 2004. Otter Tail filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, Eighth Revised Sheet No. 3, canceling Seventh Revised Sheet No. 3

On May 10, 2005, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. 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 a Contract with Deviations 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 a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheet is effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2005.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of May, 2005.

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: <u>Melaine Kates</u>
Date: <u>5/17/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*