

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF OTTER)	ORDER APPROVING
TAIL CORPORATION D/B/A OTTER TAIL)	EXTENSION OF TEST
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN)	PERIOD
EXTENSION OF ITS TEST PERIOD)	EL08-013

On May 15, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of extension of its test period. Otter Tail plans on filing a general rate increase request on or before November 1, 2008, and requests to use a calendar year 2007 test period which will allow Otter Tail to make its filing at the same time and using the same basic test-year data as it intends to use to make a similar filing in North Dakota.

At its June 24, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of extension of test period. Commission Staff had no objection.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A. Further, the Commission finds that Otter Tail's request for approval of an extension of its test period 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 extension of test period is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of July, 2008.

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, electronically.
By: <u> Alaine Kalbo </u>
Date: <u> 7/2/08 </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

 Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner