

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER
TAIL POWER COMPANY REGARDING ITS
PROPOSED SOUTH DAKOTA ENERGY
EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2012-2013**

) **ORDER APPROVING**
) **ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN**
) **FOR 2012 AND 2013**

) **EL11-012**

On May 25, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of updates to its South Dakota Energy Efficiency Plan and approval for the continuation of the program for 2012 - 2013. On May 26, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 24, 2011, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the filing but asked the Commission to limit the financial incentive to thirty percent (30%) of the budget amount provided in the plan. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the 2012 - 2013 plan with a maximum available incentive payment limit as requested by Commission Staff.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-8.2. Further, the Commission finds that Otter Tail's request for approval of its proposed 2012-2013 Energy Efficiency Plan is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that OTP's 2012-2013 Energy Efficiency Plan is approved as proposed subject to the condition that the financial incentive shall be limited to thirty percent (30%) of the budget amount provided in the proposed plan.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of August, 2011.

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: Tina Douglas

Date: 8-26-11

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Vice Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner