

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF THE TRANSMISSION)
COST RECOVERY RIDER RATE)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL18-048

On October 31, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its 2019 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. Otter Tail's TCR rate has been adjusted to reflect the TCR revenue requirements for the next recovery period (March 2019 – February 2020). The update includes the tracker balance estimated for the end of the current recovery period so that no over- or under-recovery of TCR costs occurs. The update also includes impacts of Otter Tail's pending rate case (EL18-021), the addition of two new transmission projects, details of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator Return on Equity complaints, and details of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. related expenses.

On November 1, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 16, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, and 49-34A, particularly SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 15th, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of November 2018.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>11/16/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner