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## **VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

November 25, 2009

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director Public Utilities Commission State of South Dakota Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed is the detail of the determination of the fuel adjustment factor for the three months ending October 2009. The new adjustment factor is applicable on bills dated on and after December 1, 2009 (Billing Cycle 1).

The calculation was made in compliance with the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider, Electric Rate Schedule – Section 13.01, as approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission at their June 23, 2009, commission meeting (Docket No. EL08-030). A detail schedule of the items included in the calculation is enclosed. Otter Tail Power Company requests confidential treatment of columns (F) and (G) of the detail schedule pursuant to ARSD Part 20:10:01:41 due to the competitive nature of the data in those columns. Otter Tail Power Company is requesting confidential treatment for a period of at least 12 months and will request an extension in the future if necessary. Contact Pete Beithon, Manager of Regulatory Economics at: (218) 739-8607, 215 South Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 with any questions of concerns regarding the confidentiality request.

Revenue from Cost of Energy Adjustment for October 2009:

Total Sales in South Dakota 29,996,628 kWh Sales Subject to Fuel Adjustment 29,934,711 kWh Average Rate During Period \$.00100 Revenue in Period \$29,961.83 Energy Cost Adjustment Rate Level 70 and 42 - Effective 12/1/09 \$.002

