

**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 ITS 2014 TRANSMISSION)
COST RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND)
RATE ADJUSTMENT)**

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF ANNUAL
REPORT OF JURISDICTIONAL
EARNINGS FILING**

EL13-029

On August 30, 2013, , the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Annual Update to Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Rate from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail). On September 5, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 20, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On February 21, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Settlement Stipulation requires Otter Tail to make a compliance filing by June 1 of each year with a report of its South Dakota jurisdictional earnings for the preceding calendar year. On May 21, 2014, Otter Tail filed a letter requesting a 30 day extension to file the annual report by July 1, 2014, due to an upgrade in progress to the company's software that is used to calculate Otter Tail's jurisdictional cost of service studies.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 27, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission's staff stated it had no objection to the company's request. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Otter Tail's request for an extension to July 1, 2014, to file the 2013 annual report of jurisdictional earnings. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request for an extension to July 1, 2014, to file the 2013 annual report of jurisdictional earnings is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of May, 2014.

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>Joy Laskley</u>
Date: <u>5.29.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner