

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY REGARDING ITS 2014 REPORT AND 2015 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN UPDATE AND PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2016</b>	)	<b>ORDER APPROVING 2014 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN REPORT, TARIFF REVISION, AND EXTENSION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN THROUGH 2016</b>
	)	<b>EL15-016</b>

On May 1, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail). Otter Tail filed its 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan (EEP) results and a request for approval to extend its 2014-15 EEP through 2016. As to its 2014 results, Otter Tail requests approval to increase the Energy Efficiency Partnership Cost Recovery Rider from \$0.00103/kWh to \$0.00152/kWh and approval of the 2014 financial incentive allowance of \$105,445. Otter Tail further requests approval of extending the 2014-15 EEP, and the annual budgets therein, through 2016, and an effective date of July 1, 2015. The revised tariff sheet is follows:

South Dakota P.U.C. Volume II, Electric Rate Schedule

Section 13.04

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1

Cancelling Third Sheet No. 1

On May 7, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 22, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On June 24, 2015, Otter Tail filed its responses to Commission staff's (Staff) data requests and requested an effective date of August 1, 2015.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-8.2.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 7, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of Otter Tail's 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report; the 2014 financial incentive allowance of \$105,445; the request to increase the Energy Efficiency Partnership Cost Recovery Rider from \$0.00103/kWh to \$0.00152/kWh with an August 1, 2015, effective date; and its request to extend its 2014-15 EEP, and the annual budgets therein, through 2016. Finding that Otter Tail's request for approval of its 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report; the 2014 financial incentive allowance of \$105,445; the request to increase the Energy Efficiency Partnership Cost Recovery Rider from \$0.00103/kWh to \$0.00152/kWh with an August 1, 2015, effective date; and its request to extend its 2014-15 EEP, and the annual budgets therein, through 2016, is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requests.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's 2014 financial incentive allowance of \$105,445 is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to revise its aforementioned tariff is hereby granted and the revision is approved, effective for services rendered on and after August 1, 2015. It is further

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to extend its 2014-15 Energy Efficiency Plan, and the annual budgets therein, through 2016, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner