

**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 2013
TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY
ELIGIBILITY AND RATE ADJUSTMENT**

**JOINT MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT
STIPULATION**

EL12-054

Otter Tail Power Company ("OTP") and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission Staff"), collectively referred to as "the Parties," hereby file this Joint Motion and Settlement Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). The Parties request the Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all issues in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues in Docket EL12-054.
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable, and consistent with South Dakota law.

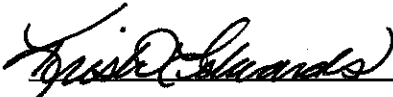
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in Docket EL12-054.

**South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission Staff**

Otter Tail Power Company

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