

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

Docket No. _____

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company's Petition for Approval
of the Annual Rate Update to Rate
Schedule, Section 13.05,
Transmission Cost Recovery Rider

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Otter Tail Power Company ("OTP") requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to approve confidential treatment for the below-identified information pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota ("ARSD") § 20:10:01:41.

1. OTP requests confidential protection and treatment of the Trade Secret portions of the following attachments in OTP's Petition for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to Rate Schedule, Section 13.05, Transmission Cost Recovery Rider:

- SD TCR Attachment 5
- SD TCR Attachment 6
- SD TCR Attachment 7
- SD TCR Attachment 8
- SD TCR Attachment 9
- SD TCR Attachment 10

The attachments are marked "CONFIDENTIAL."

2. The document must be protected for the life of this docket. When the docket is closed, all protected information must be returned to OTP.

3. Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD § 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL § 37-29-1 (4). The information contained within the confidential portions of Attachments 5 -10 to our Petition for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to Rate Schedule, Section 13.05, Transmission Cost Recovery Rider meets the definition of “trade secret” under the SDCL § 37-29-1(4), the South Dakota Uniform Trade Secret Act, which defines the term as information that “Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and... is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.”

5. Consistent with the treatment of similar information in Docket EL12-054, the confidential portions of the listed attachments contain proprietary business information (components of a formula to derive an agreed upon Rate of Return) which OTP does not disclose to the public. Accordingly, OTP respectfully requests that the Commission authorize confidential protection and treatment of this information.

The information for which confidential treatment is requested has been marked “CONFIDENTIAL” and is being transmitted electronically as a separate document.

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Respectfully submitted,
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