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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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**Re: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of the Annual Update to Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Charge, Rate Schedule 13.08
Docket No. EL16-**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) submits this filing to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of its annual update to the Environmental Cost Recovery Rate under Otter Tail's Environmental Cost Recovery Rider, Rate Schedule 13.08. Also enclosed is our Request for Confidential Treatment of Information.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 218-739-8564 or aharris@otpc.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ ANTHONY HARRIS
Anthony Harris
Rates Analyst, Regulatory Administration

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Enclosures
By electronic filing