OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY Docket No: EL17-002

Response to: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Analyst: SDPUC Staff Date Received: 01/24/2017 Date Due: 02/07/2017 Date of Response: 02/07/2017 Responding Witness: Cary Stephenson, Associate General Counsel

Information Request:

Explain why a Customers' Meter Data would be disclosed with referral of past due accounts for collection. Is the timing of Customer's electric usage included in these situations?

Attachments: 0

Response:

OTP refers delinquent accounts to contracted collection firms from time to time. In making a referral OTP does not provide specific Meter Data. The information provided is typically the aggregated debt and other key information necessary for collections. The provision in the proposed tariff is included to provide a comprehensive policy to cover the slight possibility a bill amount may need to be determined or verified by providing Meter Data in a particular billing month to the collections firm.