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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. EL17-**

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 218-739-8896 or [sruud@otpc.com](mailto:sruud@otpc.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ SCOTT RUUD*  
Scott Ruud  
Rates Analyst, Regulatory Administration

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