

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR ) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS ) ELECTRIC RATES ) ) ) )</b>	<b>STIPULATION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  EL18-021</b>
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COMES NOW, Staff (Staff) of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) hereby file this Stipulation for Procedural Schedule.

This docket was opened on April 20, 2018. The Parties to this proceeding are Staff, OTP, and Valley Queen Cheese (Intervenor). However, the Intervenor has indicated it has settled its issues and no longer intends to participate.

The parties stipulate that for purposes of this matter only, without establishing any precedent, an oral decision rendered by the Commission before April 20, 2019 shall be considered a final decision solely for purposes compliance with the 12 month timeframe set forth by the last sentence of South Dakota Codified Laws § 49-34A-17, and that a written order may be completed on or after April 20, 2019 without risk of non-compliance.

To ensure the timely filing of testimony on the issues Staff stipulates that it will respond to any data requests from OTP within five business days of Staff's receipt of the requests.

Staff and OTP request the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:

Staff Prefiled Testimony	February 19, 2019
OTP Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony	March 15, 2019
Witness Lists and Exhibits Prefiled	March 22, 2019

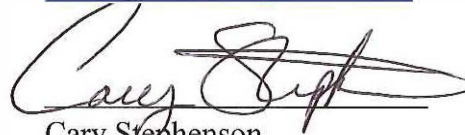
Evidentiary Hearing	March 26-28, 2019
Post-hearing briefs (if ordered)	April 8, 2019

WHEREFORE, Staff and OTP respectfully request the Commission issue a procedural schedule as detailed above.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2019.



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