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April 6, 2020



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

RE: Otter Tail Power Company intent to Waive Late Payment Fee Provision of the Company's General Rules and Regulations Tariff Section 4.10

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or the Company) herby advises the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that Otter Tail has deviated from its General Rules and Regulations Tariff Section 4.10 and is waiving the late payment charge provision provided under this tariff effective March 19, 2020.

Otter Tail's Tariff Section 4.10 allows the Company to assess a late payment charge to customers that have been delinquent more than once during the last 12 consecutive months, with an unpaid balance more than \$5.00. The late payment charge per monthly billing period is 1.5% per month (18% per year), plus a \$2.00 collection charge. For a customer who has been delinquent once or more during the prior 12 consecutive months, a notice of possible late payment charge will be stated on the customer's next bill, and if payment is then delinquent, this late payment charge will be assessed during the customer's next billing period and appear on the customer's bill. Otter Tail is waiving the application of the late payment charge to our residential and small commercial customers who may be experiencing undue hardships due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. The Company will continue to waive the application of late payment charges for these customers for the duration of the U.S. President's Proclamation of a National Emergency (issued March 13, 2020) or until the COVID-19 related hardships impacting Otter Tail's customers diminishes. Otter Tail will advise the Commission of the reinstatement of the late payment charges prior to implementation.

Please respond with a letter of acceptance to Otter Tail's waiving the late payment fee provision under the General Rules and Regulations Tariff Section 4.10 during this COVID-19 pandemic.



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Please contact me at (218) 739-8475, or <u>bgerhardson@otpco.com</u>, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ BRUCE GERHARDSON
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Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

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