

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTTER  
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF  
THE TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RIDER  
RATE )**

**ORDER ASSESSING  
FILING FEE**

**EL21-031**

On October 29, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its 2022 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. Otter Tail's TCR rate has been adjusted to reflect the TCR revenue requirements for the next recovery period (March 2022 – February 2023). The update includes the tracker balance estimated for the end of the current recovery period so that no over-or under-recovery of TCR costs occurs. Otter Tail is not requesting inclusion of any new projects. Otter Tail proposes the update to the rates be applied to usage on and after March 1, 2022. The impact of the change from current rates to those proposed in this annual update for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month is a decrease of \$0.33 per month. For a Large General Service customer using 486 kW and 222,350 kWh, the bill impact of this update is a decrease of \$18.34 per month.

On November 4, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 19, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$50,000 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Otter Tail Power Company shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>11/15/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner