

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER ASSESSING FILING</b>
<b>OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR )</b>	<b>FEE; ORDER APPROVING 2023</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF THE TRANSMISSION COST )</b>	<b>TRANSMISSION COST</b>
<b>RECOVERY RIDER RATE )</b>	<b>RECOVERY RATE</b>
)	<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>
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)	<b>EL22-031</b>

On November 1, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its 2023 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 2023 – February 2024). 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 requesting inclusion of one new project and also includes an update to the D2 allocation factor as ordered in EL21-031. Otter Tail proposes the update to the rates be applied to usage on and after March 1, 2023. 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 an increase of \$2.25 per month. The revised tariff sheet, effective for service rendered on or after March 1, 2023, is as follows:

South Dakota P.U.C. Volume II - Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 13.05

Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 1

Cancelling Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 1

On November 3, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 18, 2022, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

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 February 9, 2023, 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. Commission staff recommended approval of the revenue requirement and rates proposed in Otter Tail’s filing and associated tariff revision, effective March 1, 2023. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions effective March 1, 2023. 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. It is further

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's revised TCR rates are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the above-referenced tariff sheet is hereby approved with an effective date of March 1, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

<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><i>Adam Letnick</i></u>
Date: <u>2/10/23</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner