

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTTER TAIL ) ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE  
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE )  
TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RIDER RATE ) EL23-033  
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On November 1, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its annual update to its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCR) rate. Otter Tail's petition updates its TCR rates to collect revenue requirements over the 12-month recovery period of March 2024 through February 2025. This update includes actual investment costs, expenses, and revenues associated with existing projects and approved recovery items through September 2023, updated forecast information for the remainder of the current recovery period which ends February 29, 2024, and forecasted information for the proposed recovery period ending February 28, 2025. Otter Tail requests the inclusion of one new project and updates to two existing projects in this annual update. Otter Tail also updates the D2 allocation factor to include all load changes in compliance with the docket EL21-031 order. Otter Tail states that residential customers using 1,000 kWh per month will see a bill decrease of approximately \$1.56. Otter Tail proposes a rate implementation date of March 1, 2024.

On November 2, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 17, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 6, 2023, Otter Tail filed a Request for Confidential Treatment.

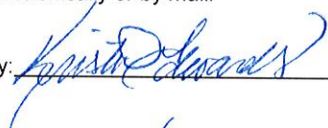
The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

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 21, 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. 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 27th day of November 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></u>
Date: <u>27 Nov 2023</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner