BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY REGARDING ITS 2024-2026 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP TRIENNIAL PLAN	))))	**ORDER APPROVING 2024-2026 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN** **EL23-019**

On August 1, 2023, the Commission received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) requesting approval of its proposed 2024-2026 Energy Efficiency Partnership Triennial Plan (EEP). Otter Tail's proposed EEP continues certain cost-effective energy efficiency projects included in its current plan. Otter Tail proposes to continue the fixed percentage incentive of 30% of actual EEP expenses, capped at 30% of the proposed budget.

On August 3, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 18, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On September 20, 2023, Otter Tail filed its responses to Commission Staff's (Staff) data request. On November 3, 2023, Staff filed its Memorandum regarding its analysis and recommendations for the docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on November 7, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended the Commission approve Otter Tail's proposed 2024-2026 EEP, subject to the conditions that the fixed percentage incentive shall be calculated as 30% of actual expenses, with a cap set at 30% of the approved budget and actual spending shall not exceed 10% above the approved budget, unless approved by the Commission. Finding that Otter Tail's request for approval of its 2024-2026 Energy Efficiency Plan, with Staff's recommendations, is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Otter Tail's request, subject to Staff's recommendations. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's 2024-2026 Energy Efficiency Plan is hereby approved subject to the conditions that the fixed percentage initiative shall be calculated as 30% of actual expenses, with a cap set at 30% of the approved budget and actual spending shall not exceed 10% above the approved budget, unless approved by the Commission.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of November 2023.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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: Beth M. Rios

Date: 11/9/2023

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

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Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner