

October 31, 2023

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

## Re: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of a Bill Redesign and Modifications to General Rules and Regulations, Rate Schedule Section 1.05 Docket No. EL23-021 Letter Filing

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) hereby submits this filing to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to clarify the timeline for approvals requested in our Petition in the above referenced matter. Following discussion with South Dakota Commission Staff, we're requesting approval of the bill redesign at this time, and approval of the tariffs in this docket at a later date. This will ensure that the tariff changes currently pending in the matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of Tariff Revisions to Facilitate Implementation of our Advanced Grid Infrastructure (AGI) Projects Docket No. EL23-027 can be approved and effective first followed by the tariff changes accompanying the bill redesign, which is the appropriate order. Otter Tail will file updated tariffs in this docket by March 1, 2024.

Accordingly, the requested timeline for approvals included in the Conclusion of our Petition should be modified to the following:

We respectfully request Commission approval of the following by December 1, 2023:

- Proposed Standard and Commercial Electric Service Statements.
- Proposed Customer Disconnection Notice.
- A Manual Bill Exception for manually billed customers.

In addition, Otter Tail will make a supplemental filing including the following by March 1, 2024.

• Tariff changes necessary to implement the proposed changes.

Under this timeline, Otter Tail no longer needs an extension to submit a Compliance Filing. Following approval by the Commission, Otter Tail anticipates implementation of our new billing statement design on May 1, 2024.

Please contact me at (218) 739-8657 or <u>molsen@otpco.com</u> if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

*/s/ MATTHEW J. OLSEN* Matthew J. Olsen Manager Regulatory Strategy & Compliance

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