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## Customer Information Brochure

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## South Dakota customer information

## 4-Payments/payment option

ter Tail Power Company sends itemized electric service statements each month.
5 - The company offers several payment options including ePay Ready Check, Anytime Payment, credit card (some limits and fees apply), by mail or at a drop-box location. Our web site (www.otpco.com) contains a list of drop-box addresses as well as information about current payment programs.
6-Ready Check is an automatic debit payment program under which Otter Tail Power Company sends your electric service statement amount due to your bank, which automatically rom your checking or savings account. With Ready Check don't have to write out a check to us each month or pay the postage to mail your payment. ePay is an online bill presentment and payment program that allows you to set up automatic or self-scheduled payments from your checking or savings accounts. Email notices are sent when your electric service statement is mabe payments electronically You need a recent electric service staten and your bank account information to gister your electric service account at www otpco.com.
7-The Even Monthly Payment (EMP) plan features an averaged monthly payment amount and works well with the Ready Check and ePay programs because your payment would be the same amount each month. With EMP, twelve months of biling are averaged so that your budget is Each montly electric service statement contains the complete billing detail as well as your EMP amount. An annual settle-up month ensures that you pay only for the kilowatt-hours you actually use in a year. Otter Tail Power Company routinely reviews EMP accounts to ensure that the EMP amount billed is consistent with the average consumption. The company pays interest monthly on you average daily credit balance.

## 8-Late-payment charges

Electric service statements not paid by the next billing date may be subject to a late payment charge. A customer who has made at least 12 consecutive payments prior to the delinquency date shall not be billed a late-payment charge A late-payment charge will apply on any account with an unpaid balance greater than $\$ 5$ if the customer has been delinquent more than once during the last 12 consecutive months. The delinquent amount for accounts on EMP or payment schedules will be the lesser of the outstanding account balance or the outstanding scheduled payments. The maximum late-payment charge shall be 1.5 percent per month ( 18 percent a year), plus a $\$ 2$ collection charge. A customer's electric service statement will provide a notice of possible late-payment charges after the customer has been delinquent once. A late-payment charge will be assessed during the next billing period
The company shall credit all payments against the customer's oldest outstanding account balance before applying any late-payment charge.

Any payments returned unpaid by a bank to Otter Tail Powe Company will be subject to a $\$ 15$ return-payment fee.

## 9- Disconnection for nonpayment

Disconnection of service may become necessary for nonpayment. Otter Tail Power Company makes an effort to contact the customer to avoid disconnection. In the case of a customer's first disconnection, Otter Tail Power Company will provide personal notice by either telephone, visit, or certificate of mailing.
Before disconnection, the company sends a notice by first-class mail to the account mailing address. The notice explains the reason for disconnection, gives the date that disconnection will take place, explains the procedure to avoid the disconnection, and indicates that a reconnection fee and deposit may apply.
Residential customers will receive an additional 30 days notice of proposed disconnection during the period of November 1 through March 31.

## Other disconnections

Services may be disconnected for reasons other than nonpayment of electric service statements. Some examples of disconnections WITH NOTICE include

Failure of the customer to meet the company's deposit and credit requirements.
Failure to make proper application for service.
Violation of the company's rules, which are on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.
Failure to provide Otter Tail Power Company with reasonable access to equipment and property.
Breach of contract for service between Otter Tail Power Company and the customer.
Some examples of Disconnection WITHOUT NOTICE include: Unauthorized use of or tampering with Otter Tail Powe Company's equipment
Conditions determined to be hazardous to the customer, to other customers, to Otter Tail Power Company's equipment, or to the public.

## 16-HOW TO READ YOUR STATEMENT

A. Return portion: When paying by mail, return this

1. Optional enrollment to buy Otte Tail Corporation stock through Ready Check. Your statemen ring amount you select during enrollment.
2. Optional donation to help provide energy assistance to those in need in South Dakota
3. Your name and mailing address
4. The date your payment is due.
5. The amount due for this period
B. Account status: This portion of your statement brings you up-to-date on your account. It includes:
6. Your account number
7. The address where you receive electrical services.
8. The billing date.
9. Previous payment on your account.
10. Other charges or notices about your bill.
11. The address and phone numbe of the Customer Service Cente serving your account.
C. Account detail: This portion of your statement tells how you used electricity during the billing period. It includes:
12. The type of service for which you are being billed.
13. Your meter readings and the dates they were taken
14. Total kilowatt-hours used for each type of service.
15. Details of charges, including the rates used to calculate your billing.
16. The Energy Efficiency Program surcharge
17. The transmission cost recovery rider.
18. The environmental cost recovery rider.
19. The fuel, reagents, emission allowances, and purchasedpower adjustment.

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you may pay by credit card, and other special messages.

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c. We'll give our report to the customer within one week. The report outlines test results and provides relevant metering

## information.

## 11 Meter reading and estimates

We read meters every month unless the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission authorizes another meter-reading interval upon our company's petition. When your meter isn't read, we your meter reading. We indicate estimated readings on your statement. Customers in remote locations who read their own meters may submit meter reading forms on our website at otpco.com or by mailing us a completed meter reading card, which we provide on a yearly basis to all self-read customers. Learn more at otpco.com/MyMeter

## Additional information

The information below includes company policies based on rules and regulations from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

## 12-Deposits

When a deposit is required the amount shall not exceed onesixth of an estimated annual bill amount as authorized by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Our company pays annual interest on all deposits at a rate of 7 percent. Interest begins accruing the day we receive the deposit and ends either the day of disconnection or when our company refunds the deposit. We apply interest earned as a credit on a customer's December bill. And we refund the deposit, plus any accrued of prompt paymen

We may accept, in lieu of a deposit, a contract signed by a guarantor which is satisfactory to the utility whereby payment a specified sum not exceeding the deposit requirement is fuaranteed. The contract shall automatically terminate after the ustomer establishes satisfactory credit. The term of the guarantee agreement shall be for no longer than twelve (12) months, and hal automatically terminate after the Customer has closed and paid the Customer's account with the Company. We'll notify th guarantor when disconnect notices have been sent to the customer

In lieu of accepting a cash deposit or guarantee agreement, a customer may be placed on an early payment list as defined by South Dakota Administrative Rules 20:10:19:05. Customers placed on an early payment list are required to pay their bill within five business days prior to the due date on the bill. A customer on the early payments list will be subject to disconnection if the bill is not paid at least five business days prior to the due date on the bill.

## 13- Reconnection policy

Reconnection charges apply to new accounts and reconnection following nonpayment or a disconnection at the customer's request. If it's necessary to disconnect a customer's service for a valid cause and the condition is corrected, customers may have to pay a reconnection fee based on the cost of restoring service.
When we disconnect service for nonpayment, the following reconnection conditions apply:

- The customer must make a payment toward the electric service bill, including late-payment charges.
- The customer must pay a reconnection charge of $\$ 15$ plus additional direct labor charges for overtime, or a minimum of two hours, whichever is greater if we made the reconnection outside of regular working hours.
- The customer may need to pay a deposit or an increase to an existing deposit.
When we disconnect service because of a hazardous condition, we do not charge for reconnection
14- We're regulated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Customers may contact the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission at 605-773-3201 to discuss unresolved differences.

The Commission address is
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 E. Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

## South Dakota customer information

1- Contact us
Whether you need to report an outage, start or transfer service, or ask a question about your bill, we're here to help. Our Customer Service team is available for general questions during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and for outages

## 2- Outage and emergency service

Immediately report outages or emergencies, such as those caused by storms or accidents, at any time by calling us. Our crews respond to service internuptions day or night and on weekends and power lines, disconnected services, or other circumstances that may affect electric service to your home or business.

Before calling to report an outage, always check your servic panel to make sure you haven't blown a fuse or tripped a circuit breaker. We'll restore service without a charge if the outage is a result of our equipment failure

Find near real-time outage information, updates, and a map at otpco.com/outages.
Billing and account information

## 3- Service connection

Our primary responsibility is to provide safe, reliable, and cost-effective electricity to our customers. To cover the costs associated with setting up your new electric account, we'll electric service statement.

Stop, transfer, or start new electric service by calling our Customer Service team during business hours or using our self service forms available at otpco.com/service. Please notify us two business days before you require routine service.

If the costs for extending service aren't justified, we may require a signed customer contract guaranteeing a minimum payment of no less than three years use of electric service. We also may require the customer to make an advance payment to guarante his mini a mount of revenue

## 4- Ways to pay

We offer a variety of secure payment options including online, by phone, by mail, or at one of our drop-box locations. Explore the different programs available to help you manage and pay your bill below or find the right payment plan for you at

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## 5- Programs to help manage and pay your bil

The My Account payment portal at otpco.com allows you to view
and pay your bills with automatic or self-scheduled electronic payments using a bank account, credit card, or debit card (fees and imits may apply. You can also subscribe to receive email and text notifications about your electric service. To register you'll need you electric service account number and your service location zip code.
6- Ready Check
Ready Check automatically withdraws your monthly electric payments from your bank account. With Ready Check you authorize your bank to automatically pay your electric bill each month so you can avoid late or missed payments, write fewer checks, continue to receive paper bills, and pick your payment date range.

## 7- Even Monthly Payment (EMP

Our EMP plan averages your electric bills from the past 12 months to project your monthly payments for the next year August, you'll pay the same amount each month. We'll review your account a few times a year and adjust your EMP amount if your electric use changes significantly. We'll also pay interest on your average daily credit balance And if EMP doesn't work for you, you can return to conventional billing at any time.

## New ${ }^{\text {Payment assistanc }}$

If you're concerned about paying your bill for electric service, give us a call right away so we can work together to make a plan. Visit otpco.com/HelpPaying for more information.

## Newscam awareness

Scammers have targeted both our residential and business customers by posing as company employees-either in person, over the phone, or online-and demanding immediate payment while falsely threatening to disconnect your electric service. If you receive suspicious contact, ignore it and call us directly at 800-257-4044. Stay alert and learn more at otpco.com/ AvoidScams.
8- Late payment
If you forget to pay your electric bill or can't pay the amount due by the next billing date, you may be subject to a late payment charge. Customers who make at least 12 consectutive payments prior to the missed payment date won't receive a late payment charge. Unpaid balances greater than $\$ 5$ are subject to a late payment charge if the customer has been delinquent more than once during the last 12 months. The delinquent amount for accounts on EMP or payment schedules will be the outstanding account balance or the outstanding scheduled payments, whichever is greater.
The maximum late payment charge is subject to a 1.5 percent monthly ( 18 percent annually), plus a $\$ 2.00$ collection charge. We'll provide a notice of possible late payment charges on a

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Customer's electric service statement after one missed payment and address a late payment charge during the next billing period. We'll credit all payments against the customer's oldest outstanding account balance before applying any late payment charge.
Any payments returned unpaid by a bank to us are subject to a $\$ 15$ return-payment fee.

## 9- Disconnection

While we make every effort to contact customers and work with them to avoid disconnecting power, disconnections may be hecessary in certain situations such as when electric bills aren't paid.

Before disconnection, we send a notice by first-class mail to the account mailing address. The notice explains the reason for disconnection, gives the date disconnection will take place, outines the procedure to avoid disconnection, and indicates th disconnect the customer's service In the case of a customer's dscont elephone, visit, or certificate of mailing

We may disconnect services for reasons other than nonpayment of electric service. Some examples of disconnections with notice include: - Failure of the customer to meet our deposit and credit requirements. - Failure to make proper application for service

Violation of our company's regulations, which are on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

- Failure to provide us with reasonable access to our company's equipment and property
Breach of contract for service between our company and the customer.
- Unauthorized use of or tampering with our company's equipment.
- Conditions determined to be hazardous to the customer, other customers, our equipment, or the public.
Residential customers will receive an additional 30 days' notice of Residential customers will receive an additional 30 days' notice of
proposed disconnection during the period of November 1 through March 31.

Energy use

## 10-Your electric mete

We use electric meters to measure the electricity consumption delivered to home or building Our meter-testing program exceeds governental standards to help ensure continuous accurate measurement of electrical use. And we periodically test our meters. In addition to the computerdirected testing program, any customer may request a special meter test. The following rules govern special meter tests:
a. If a customer requests a meter test within one year of a previous request, we'll add a charge to the customer's bill if the metering request, wellada a charge to two percent.)
b. The customer may be present or have a representative present during the meter test.

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## How to read your bill

## A. Return portion

When paying by mail, return this stub with your payment. It includes:

1. Optional enrollment to buy Otter Tail Corporation stock through Ready Check. Your statement will reflect the amount you select during enrollment.
2. Optional donation to help provide energy assistance to those in need in South Dakota.
Your name and mailing address.
3. The date your payment is due
4. The amount due for this period.

## B. Account status

This portion of your statement brings you up-to-date on your account. It includes:
6. Your account number.
7. The address where you receive electrical services
8. The billing date.

Previous payment on your account
0. Other charges or notices about your bill
11. The address and phone number of the Customer Service Center serving your account.
C. Account detail

This portion of your statement tells how you used electricity during the billing period. It includes:
12. The type of service for which you are being billed.
3. Your meter readings and the dates they were take
14. Total kilowatt-hours used for each type of service.
5. Details of charges, including the rates used to calculate your billing.
6. The Energy Efficiency Program surcharge.
17. The transmission cost recovery rider.
8. The Phase-In recovery rider.
9. The fuel, reagents, emission allowances, and purchased power adjustment.

## Customers with an advanced meter will receive bills displaying the billing period.

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