

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF OTTER TAIL POWER) | ORDER APPROVING TARIFF |
| COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF) | AND BROCHURE REVISIONS; |
| TARIFF REVISIONS TO FACILITATE) | ORDER DENYING A |
| IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ADVANCED GRID) | VARIANCE TO ARSD |
| INFRASTRUCTURE (AGI) PROJECTS) | 20:10:17:03(1) |
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On September 8, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of administrative tariff and brochure revisions to facilitate implementation of new Advanced Grid Infrastructure projects. Otter Tail proposes an effective date of January 1, 2024, for the tariff and brochure revisions. Otter Tail also asked for a variance to ARSD 20:10:17:03(1) in order to remove the previous and current meter readings from customer bills for all rates, once a customer has an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meter. Finally, Otter Tail asked the Commission to disallow customers to opt-out of AMI meters.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

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

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| Section 1.02 | |
| Third Revised Sheet No. 1 | Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 1 |
| Section 1.03 | |
| Third Revised Sheet No. 1 | Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 1 |
| Section 1.05 | |
| Seventh Revised Sheet No. 11 | Cancelling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 11 |
| Fourth Revised Sheet No. 19 | Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 19 |
| Fourth Revised Sheet No. 20 | Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 20 |
| Sixth Revised Sheet No. 21 | Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 21 |
| Sixth Revised Sheet No. 22 | Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 22 |
| Section 4.01 | |
| Third Revised Sheet No. 2 | Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 2 |
| Third Revised Sheet No. 3 | Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 3 |
| Section 4.02 | |
| Third Revised Sheet No. 1 | Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 1 |
| Section 4.03 | |
| Third Revised Sheet No. 1 | Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 1 |
| Section 4.07 | |
| Third Revised Sheet No. 1 | Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 1 |

Section 8.01

Third Revised Sheet No. 1
Third Revised Sheet No. 2
Third Revised Sheet No. 3
Second Revised Sheet No. 4
Original Sheet No. 5

Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 1
Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 2
Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 3
Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 4

On September 14, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 29, 2023, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 13, 2023, Otter Tail filed a request for confidential treatment of information. On November 1, 2023, Otter Tail filed Revised Tariff Pages. On November 29, 2023, Commission Staff filed its memorandum along with Otter Tail's data request responses 1-1 through 1-23.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-10, and ARSD 20:10:13:15, 20:10:13:17, 20:10:13:19, 20:10:13:26, 20:10:16:02, and 20:10:17:03(1).

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff and Customer Information Brochure revisions effective January 1, 2024, and denial of the request for variance to ARSD 20:10:17:03(1) with the understanding Otter Tail does not need a variance to remove the previous and current meter readings from customer bills. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to deny the request for variance to ARSD 20:10:17:03(1) with the understanding Otter Tail does not need a variance to remove the previous and current meter readings from customer bills; approve the tariff and Customer Information Brochure revisions effective January 1, 2024; and take no action on Otter Tail's request to disallow customers to opt-out of AMI meters as the decision to allow or disallow opt-outs of AMI meters is a business decision in the purview of Otter Tail. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to revise its aforementioned tariff sheets and Customer Information Brochure is hereby granted, and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2024. It is further

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request for a variance to ARSD 20:10:17:03(1) is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of December 2023.

| CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE | |
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| 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>Ann M. Reese</i></u> |
| Date: | <u>12/7/2023</u> |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner